

THE ORIGINAL CYBERPUNK CLASSIC

BATTLE
ANGEL

ALITA



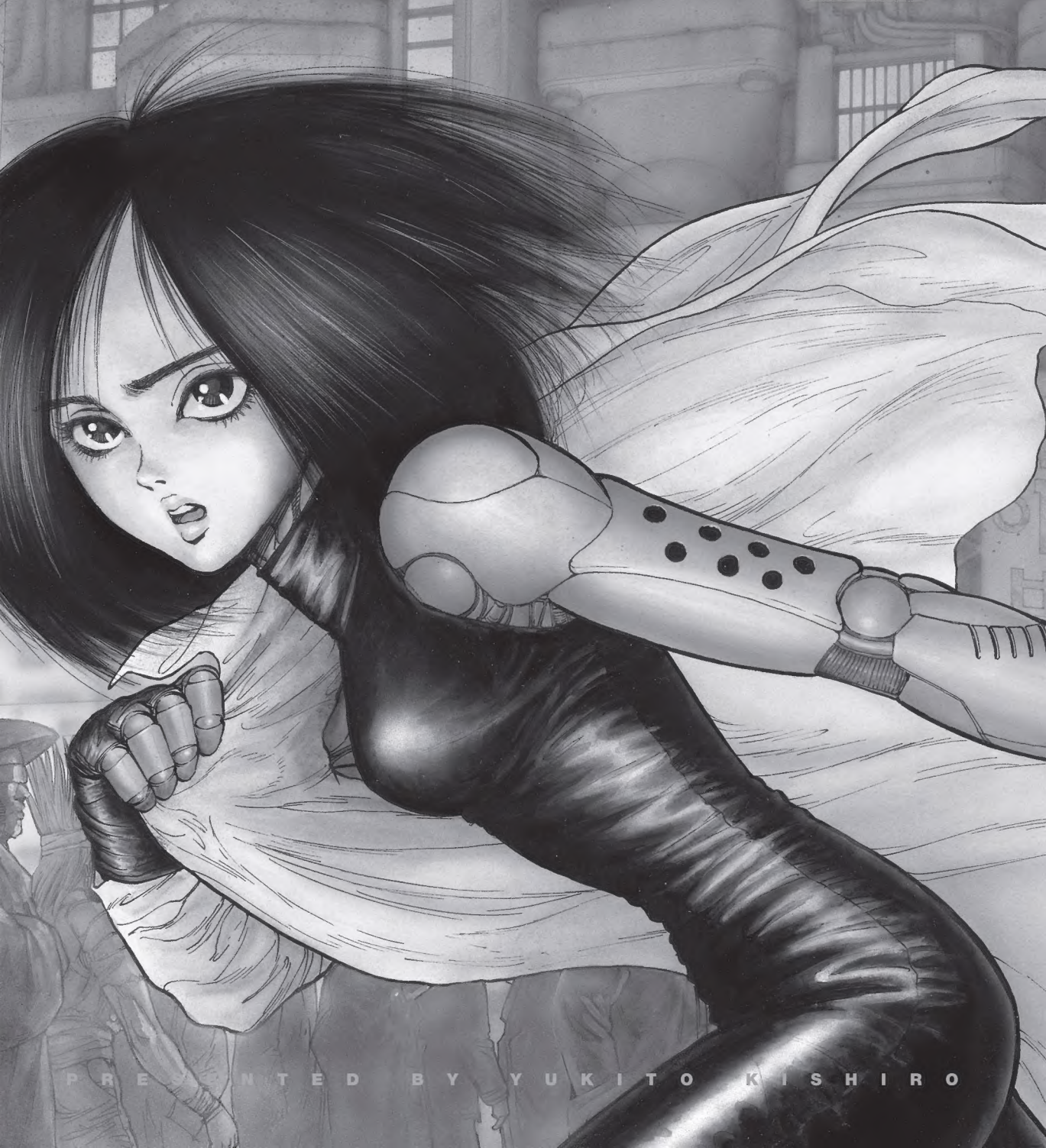
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YUKITO
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IRON MAIDEN
*BATTLE
ANGEL*

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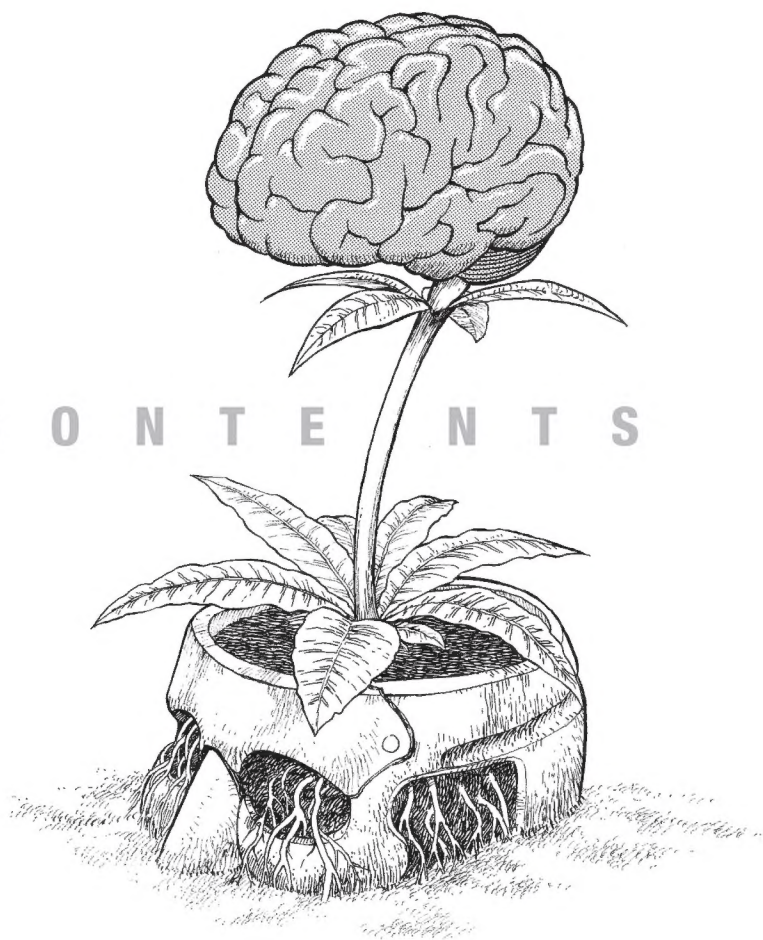
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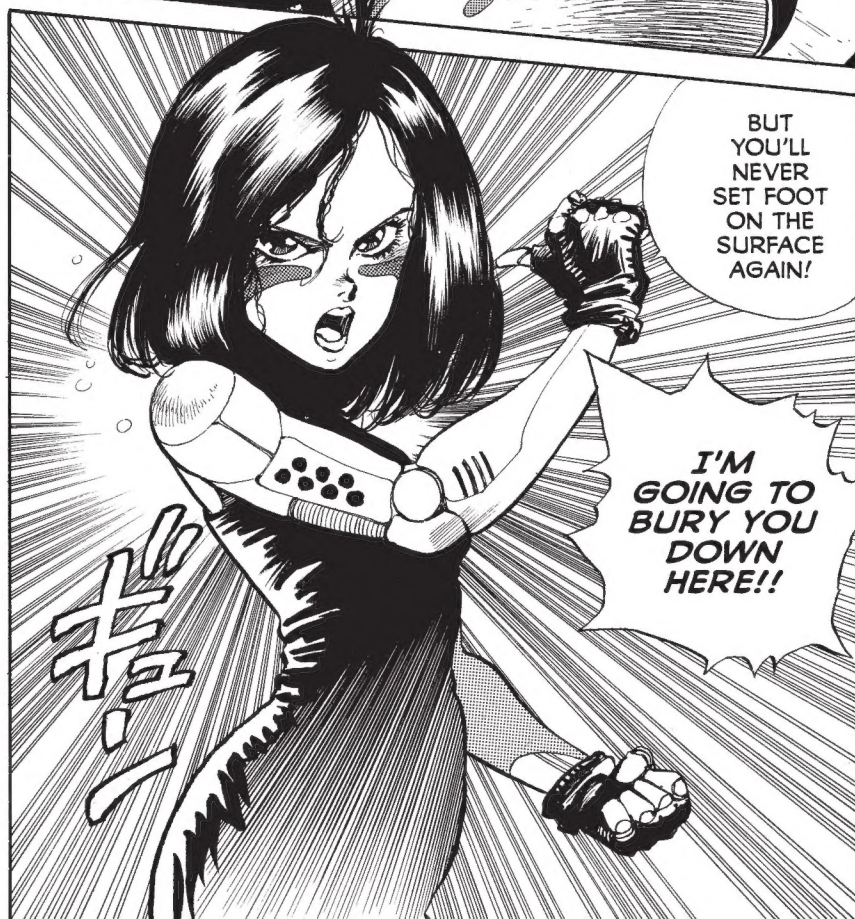
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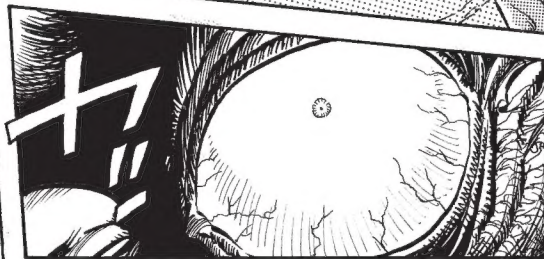
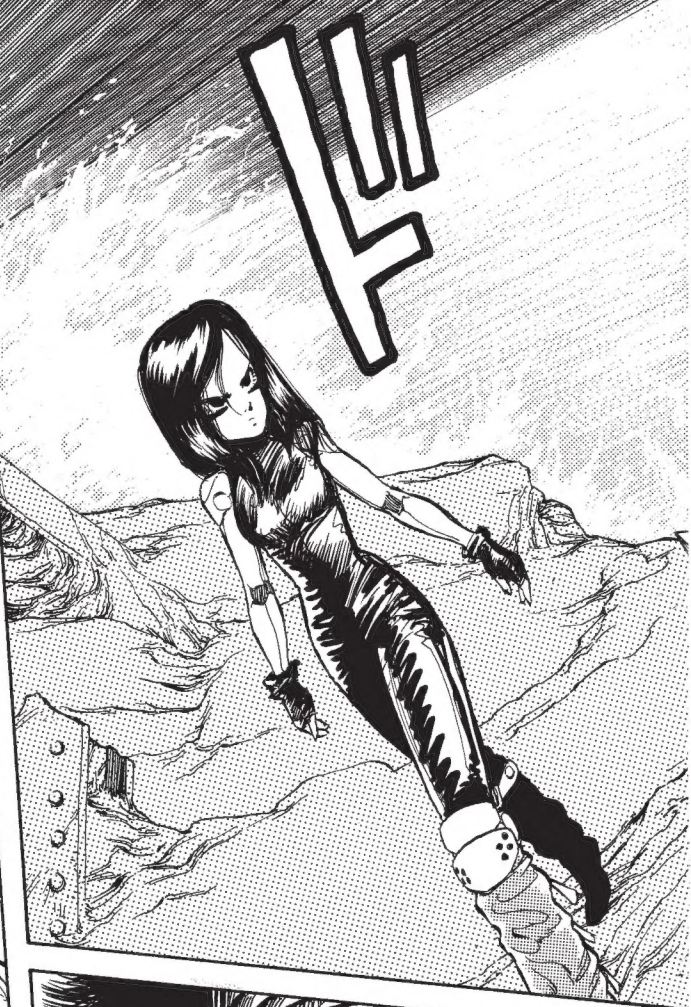
BUT
YOU'LL
NEVER
SET FOOT
ON THE
SURFACE
AGAIN!

I'M
GOING TO
BURY YOU
DOWN
HERE!!

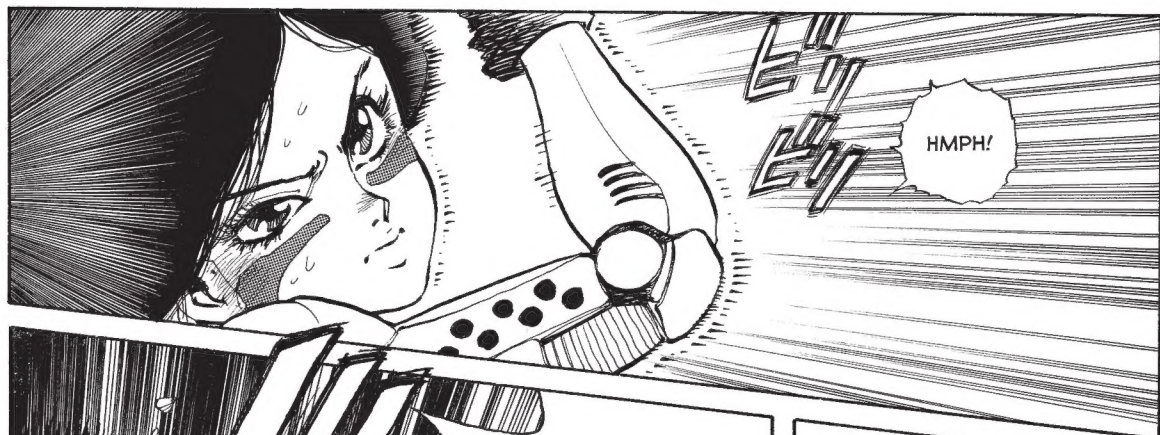
YOU'VE BEEN
GETTING AWAY
WITH A WHOLE LOT
OF NONSENSE-
EATING PEOPLE'S
BRAINS, TAKING
OVER THEIR
BODIES...



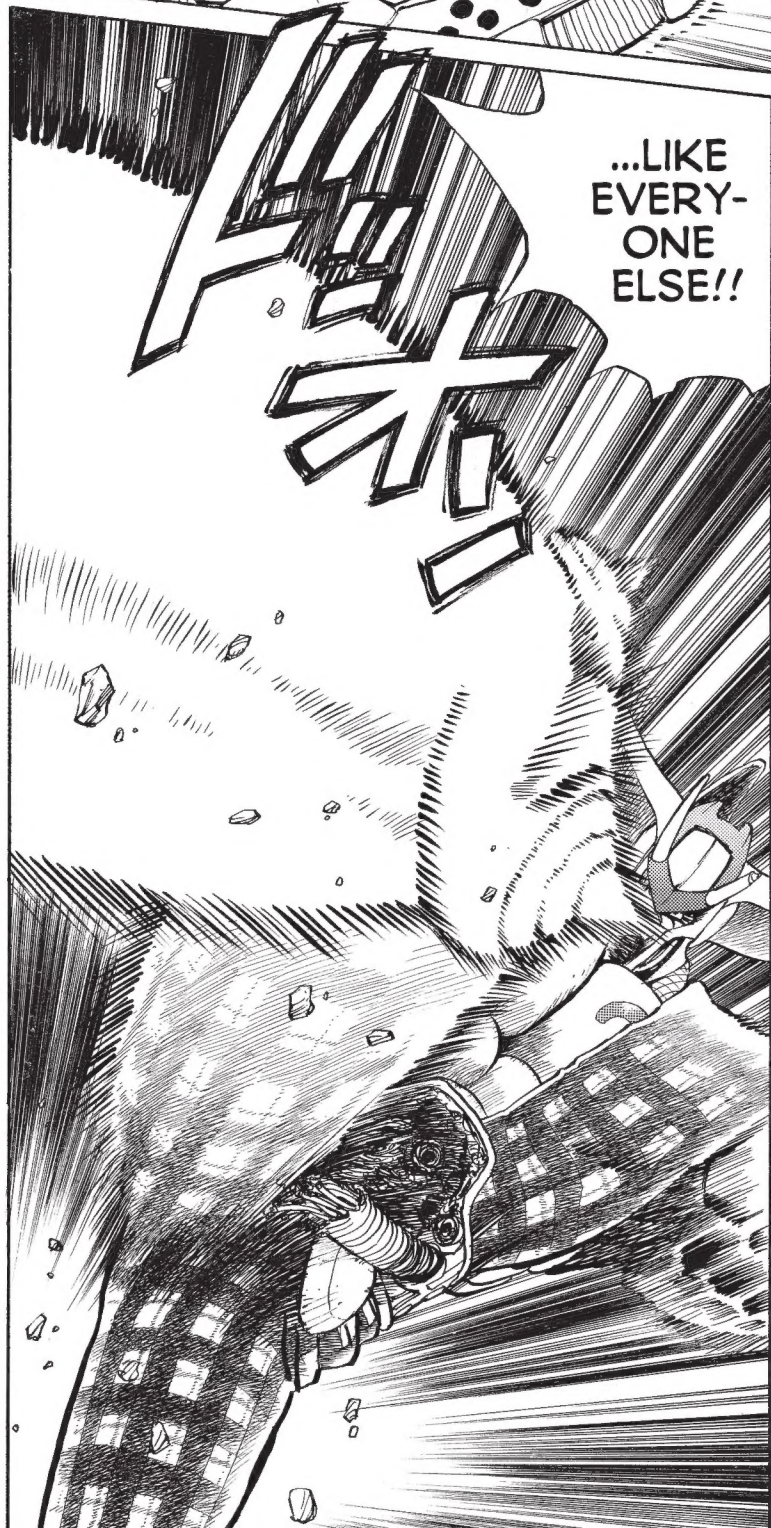
YOU
HYPOCRITES
CANNOT STAND
IN JUDGMENT
OF ME!!



EVERY LIVING
PERSON CONSUMES
OTHER LIVES, STEALS
FROM THE WEAK, AND
DUMPS ITS WASTE
INTO THE SEWERS! NO
EXCEPTIONS!!



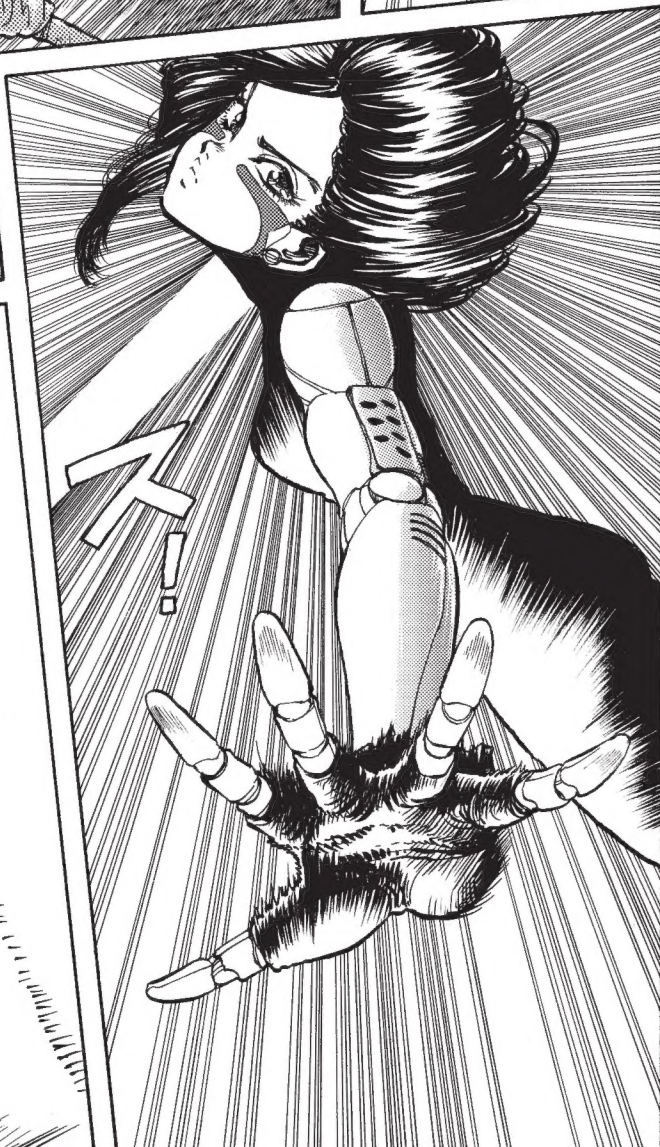
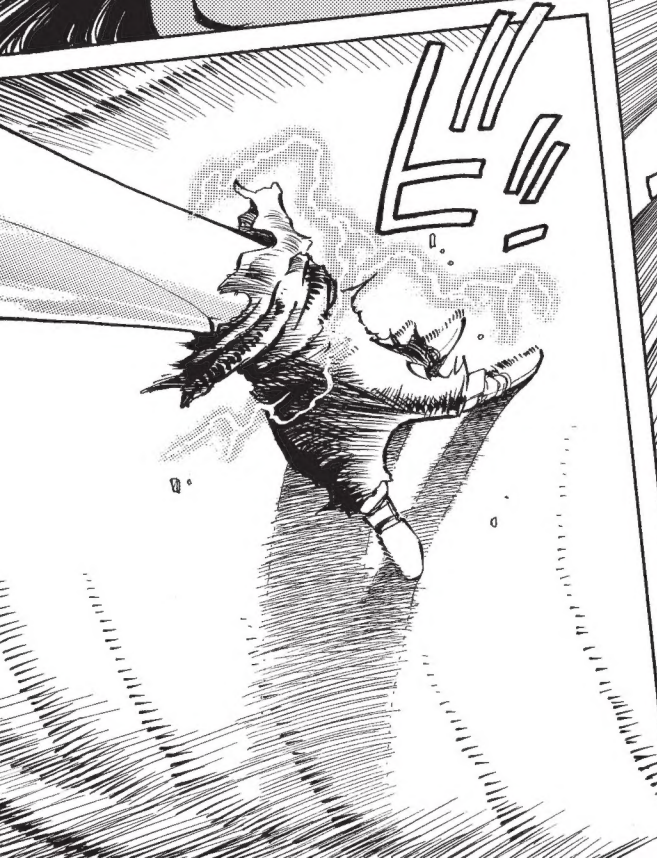
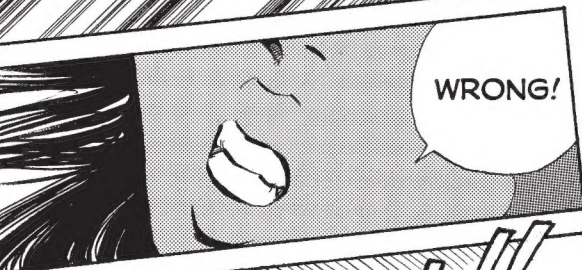
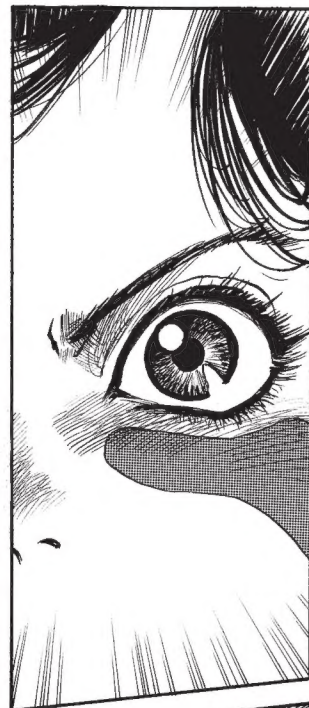
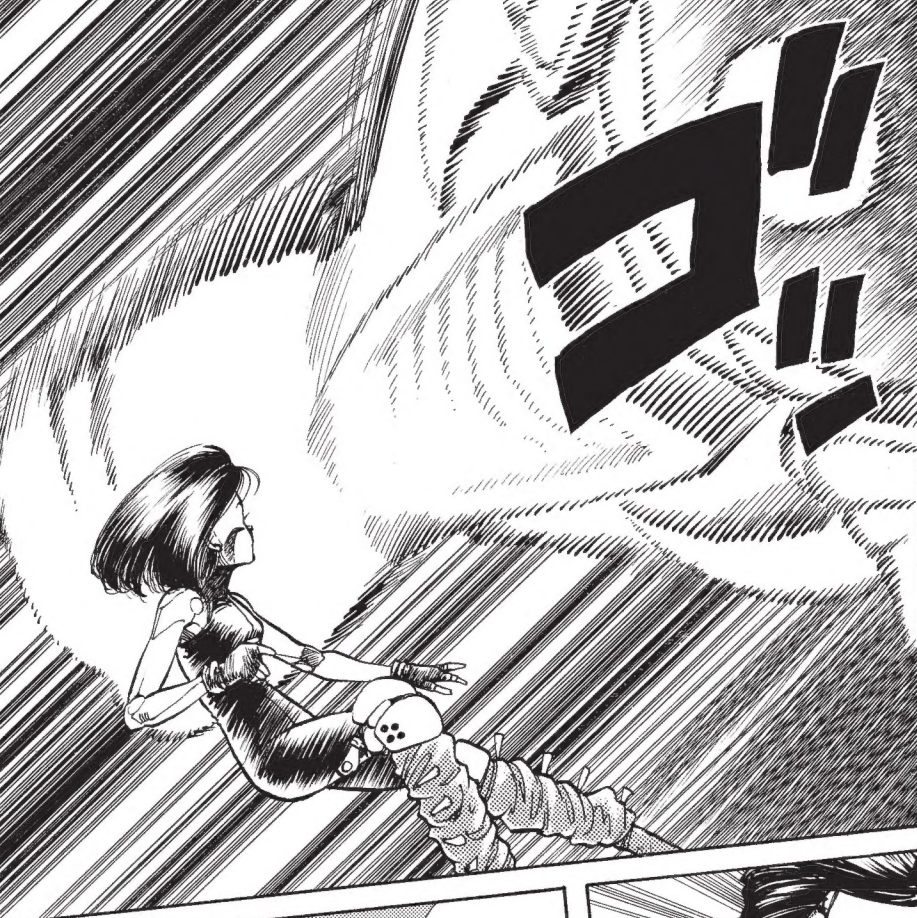
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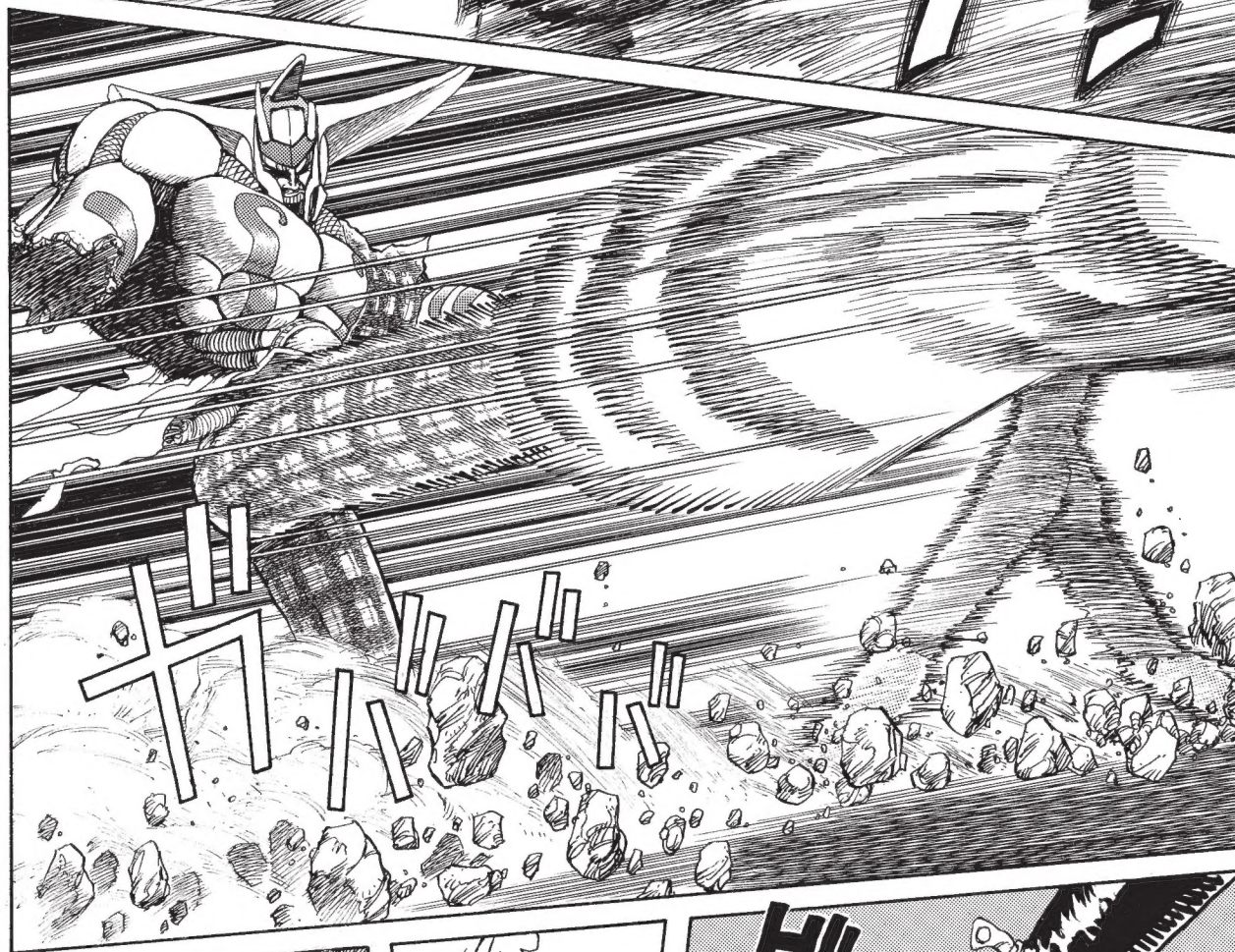
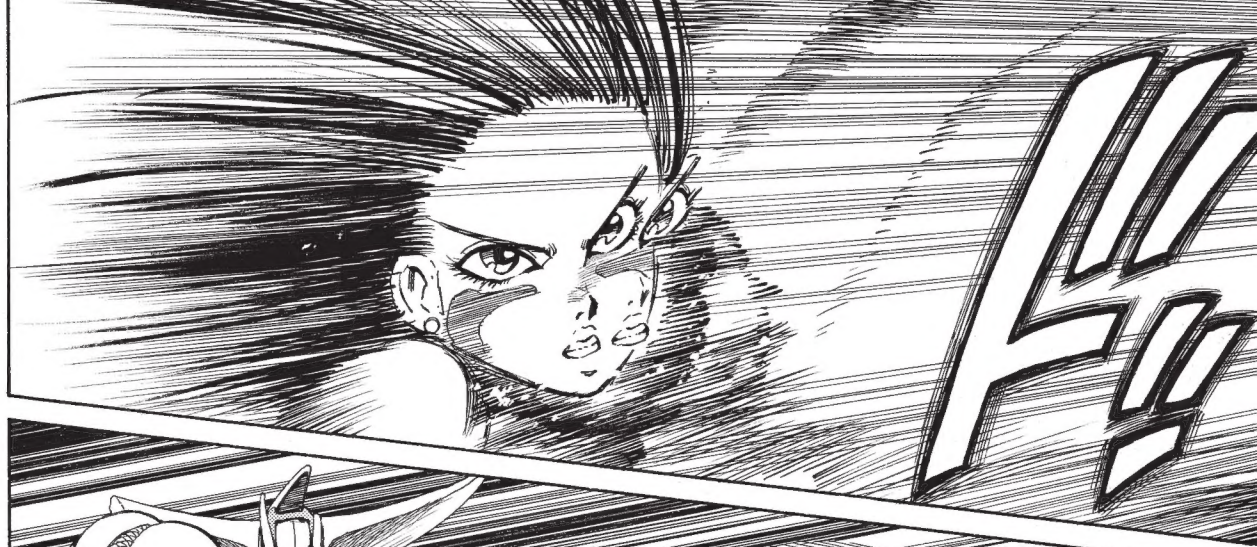


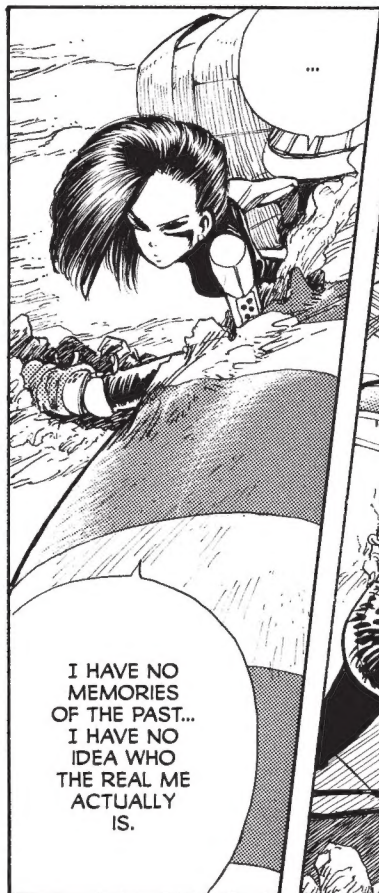
...LIKE
EVERY-
ONE
ELSE!!

YOU'RE JUST
AFTER THE
BOUNTY ON
MY HEAD...

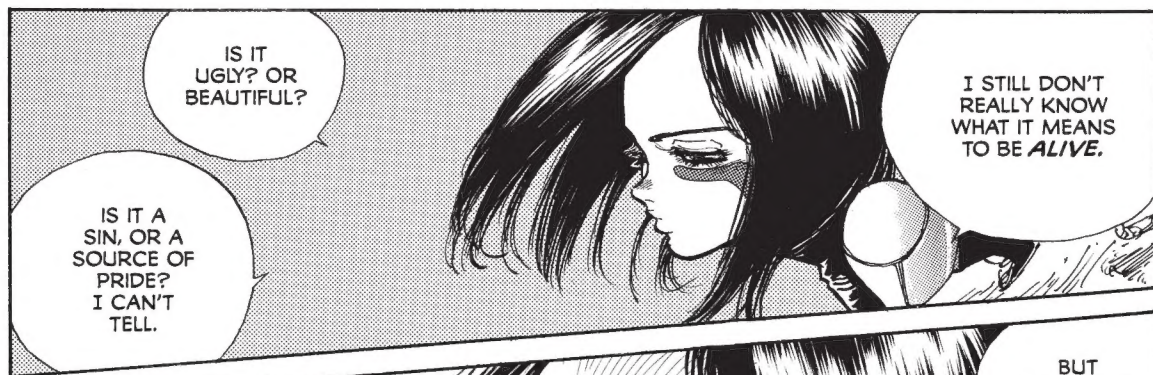








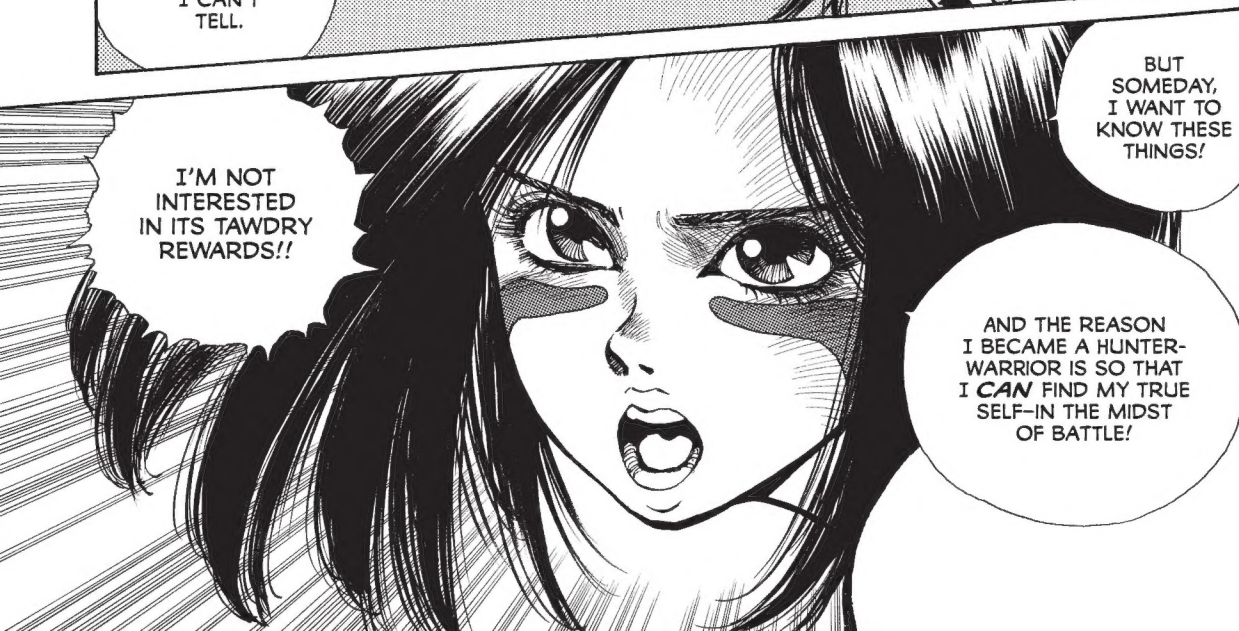
I HAVE NO
MEMORIES
OF THE PAST...
I HAVE NO
IDEA WHO
THE REAL ME
ACTUALLY
IS.



IS IT
UGLY? OR
BEAUTIFUL?

IS IT A
SIN, OR A
SOURCE OF
PRIDE?
I CAN'T
TELL.

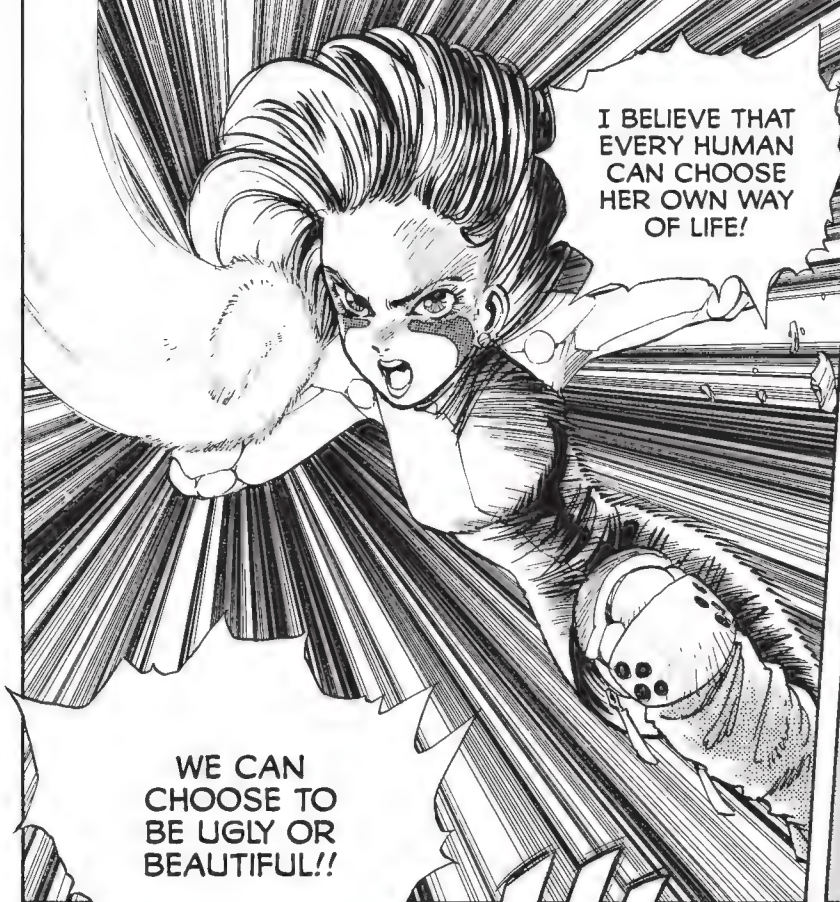
I STILL DON'T
REALLY KNOW
WHAT IT MEANS
TO BE *ALIVE*.



I'M NOT
INTERESTED
IN ITS TAWDRY
REWARDS!!

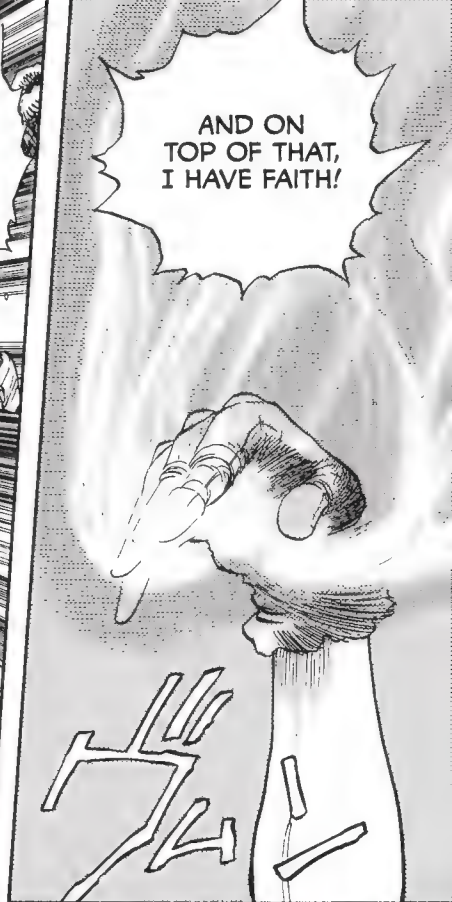
BUT
SOMEDAY,
I WANT TO
KNOW THESE
THINGS!

AND THE REASON
I BECAME A HUNTER-
WARRIOR IS SO THAT
I *CAN* FIND MY TRUE
SELF-IN THE MIDST
OF BATTLE!



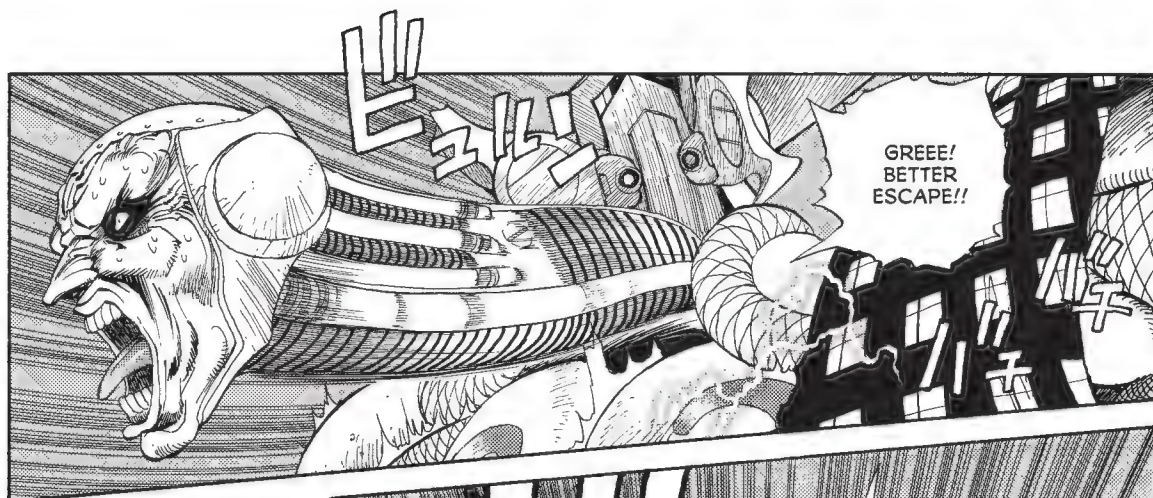
I BELIEVE THAT
EVERY HUMAN
CAN CHOOSE
HER OWN WAY
OF LIFE!

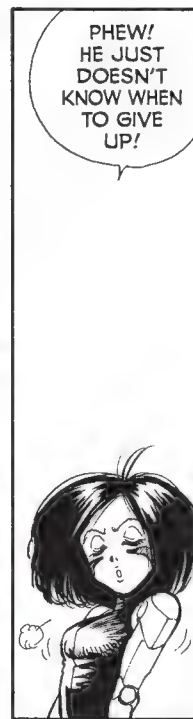
WE CAN
CHOOSE TO
BE UGLY OR
BEAUTIFUL!!



AND ON
TOP OF THAT,
I HAVE FAITH!



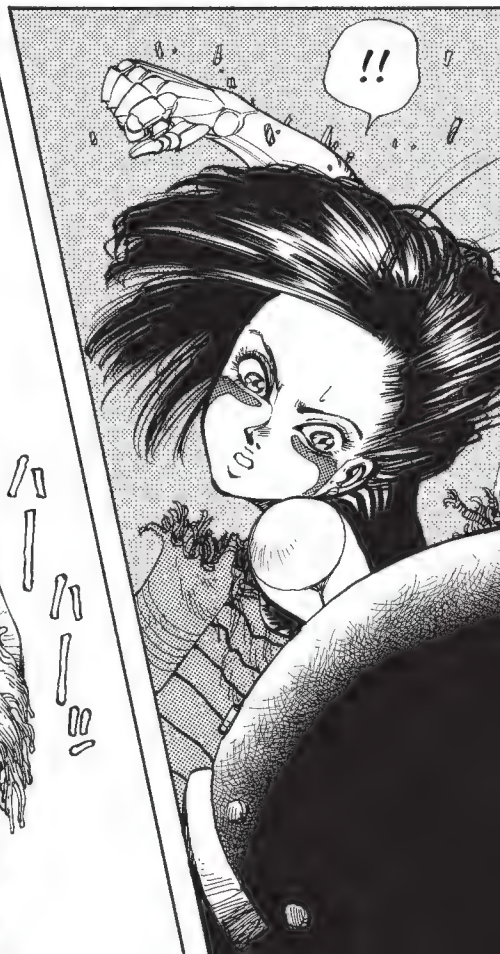


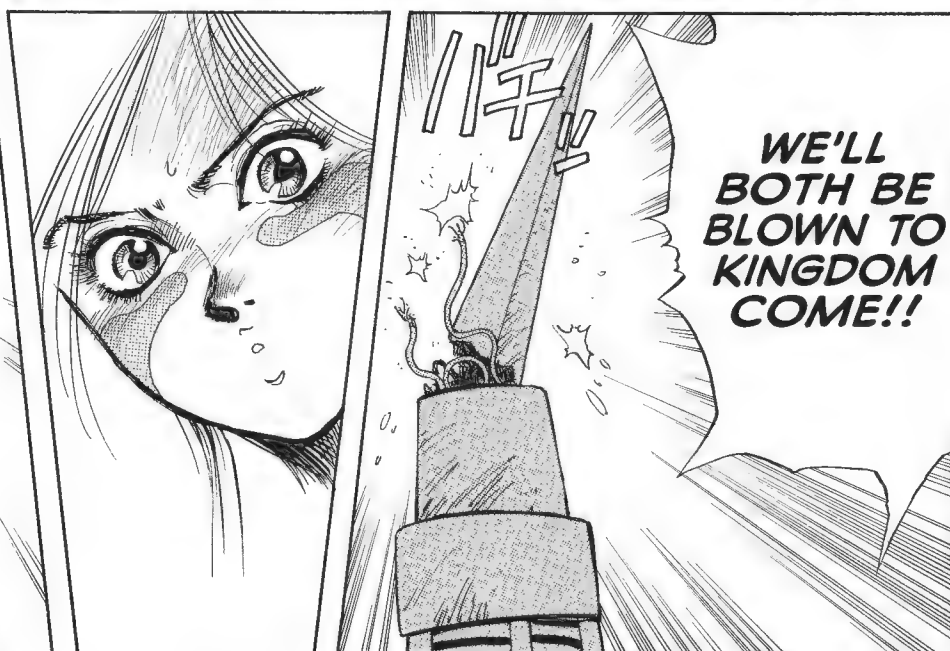
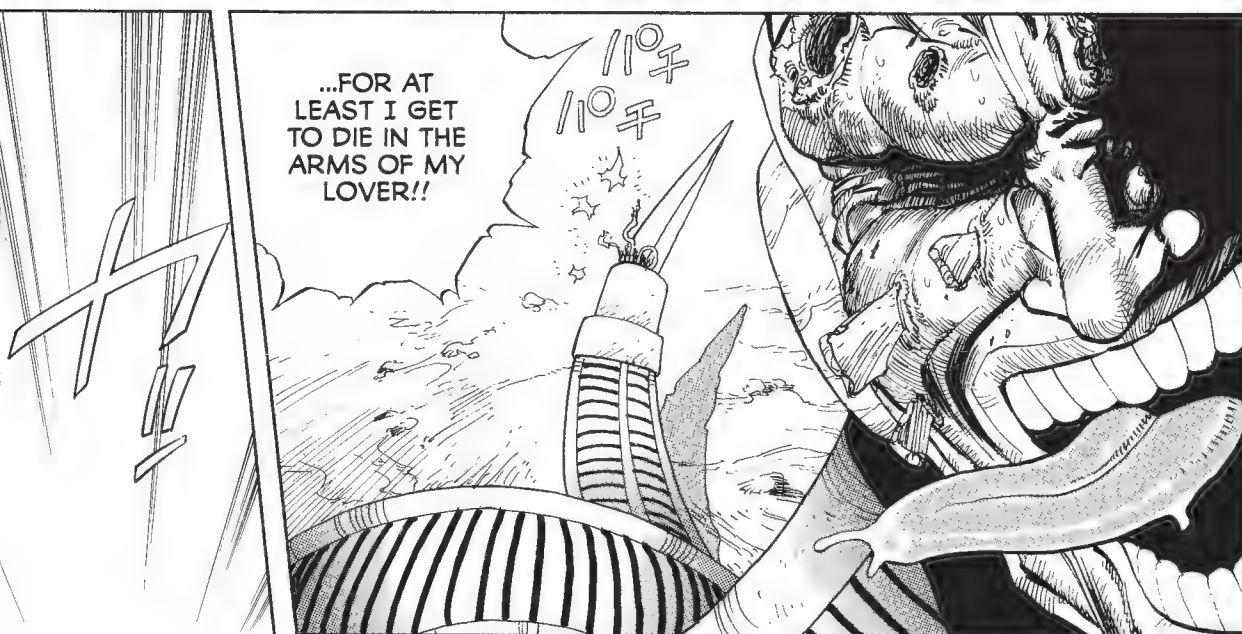
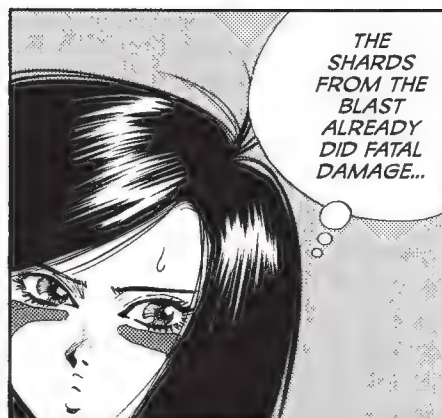


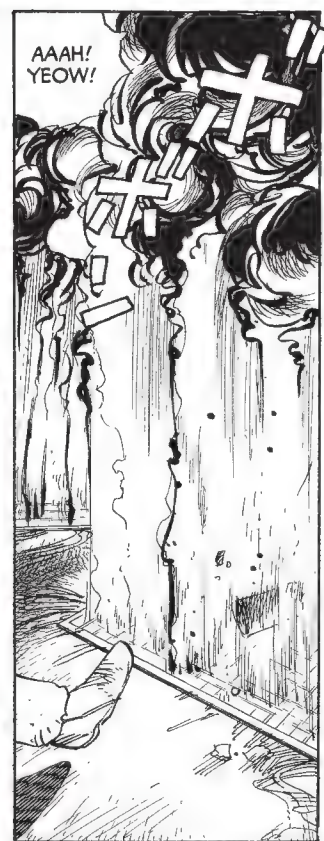
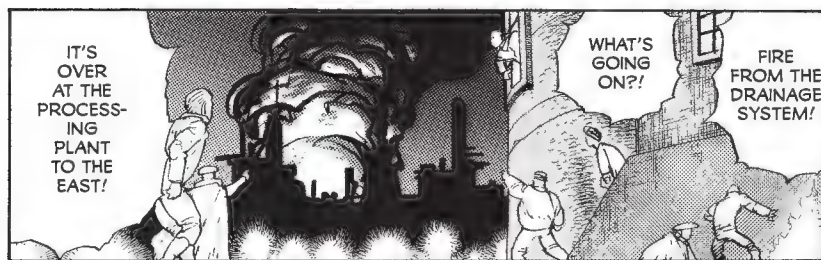
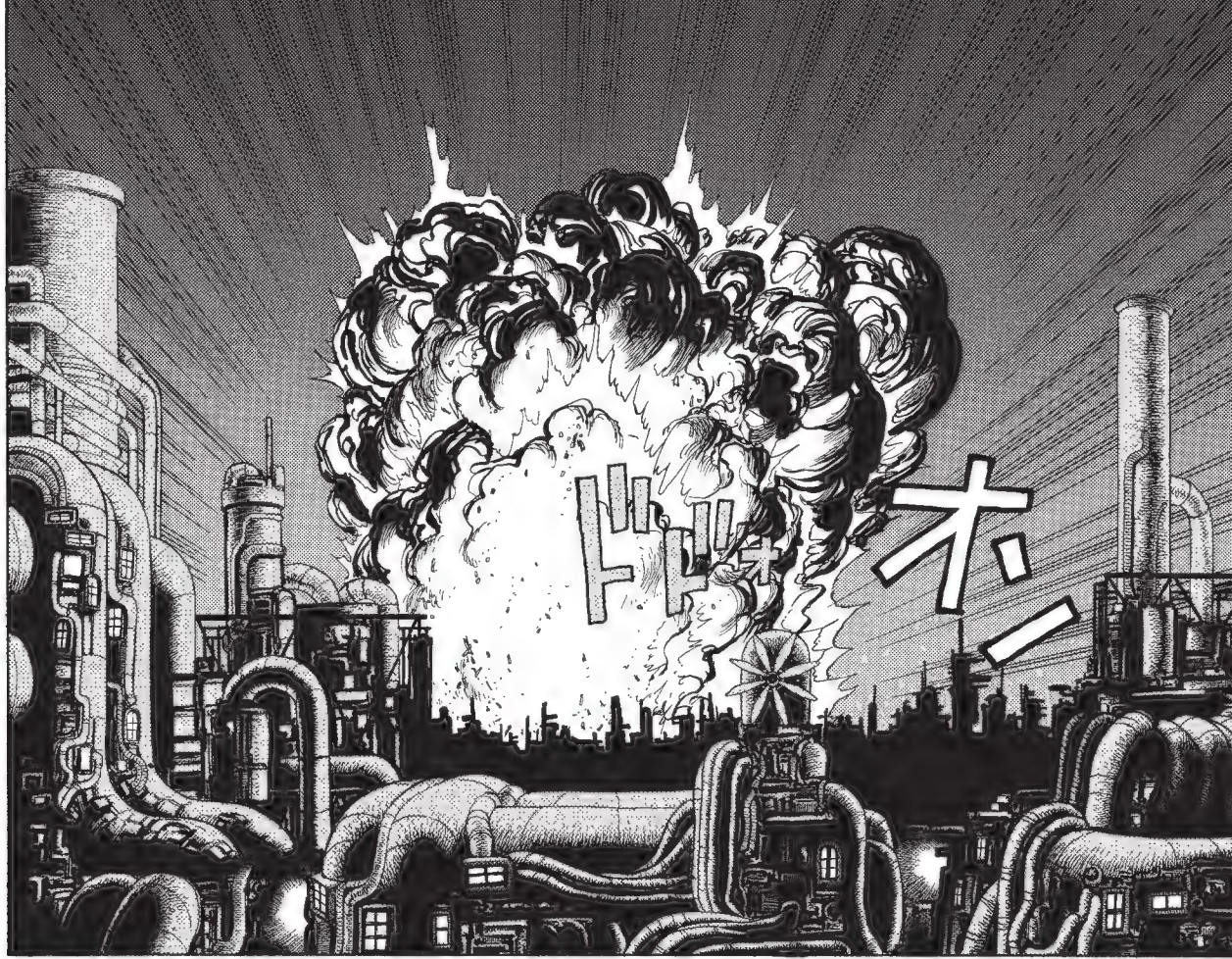


*Metal hydride: An alloy that absorbs and stores hydrogen gas. The gas is released at high temperatures.

*Detonating gas: A 2:1 mixture of hydrogen and oxygen gases. It explodes when ignited and creates water.











GRGH... IT'S
STRANGELY...
PEACEFUL...

WHAT
IS...THIS
PLACE...?

OUR BODIES
WERE BUILT
BY HUMAN
BEINGS...

SO WHY
DO YOU
TAKE THIS
MONSTROUS
FORM?

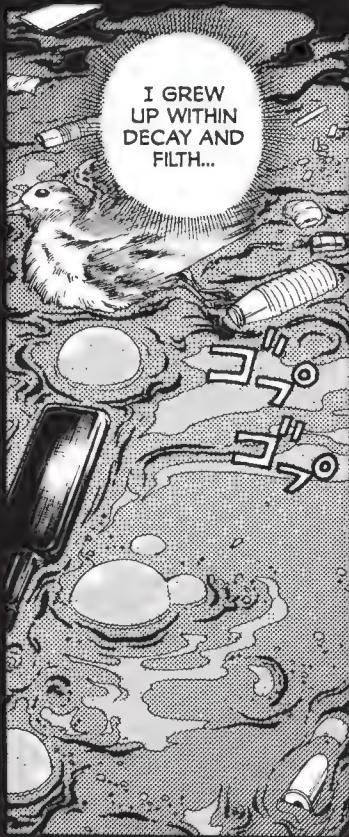
MON-
STROUS?

IT WILL
ALLOW ME
TO SPEAK
WITH YOU
FOR A BRIEF
MOMENT.

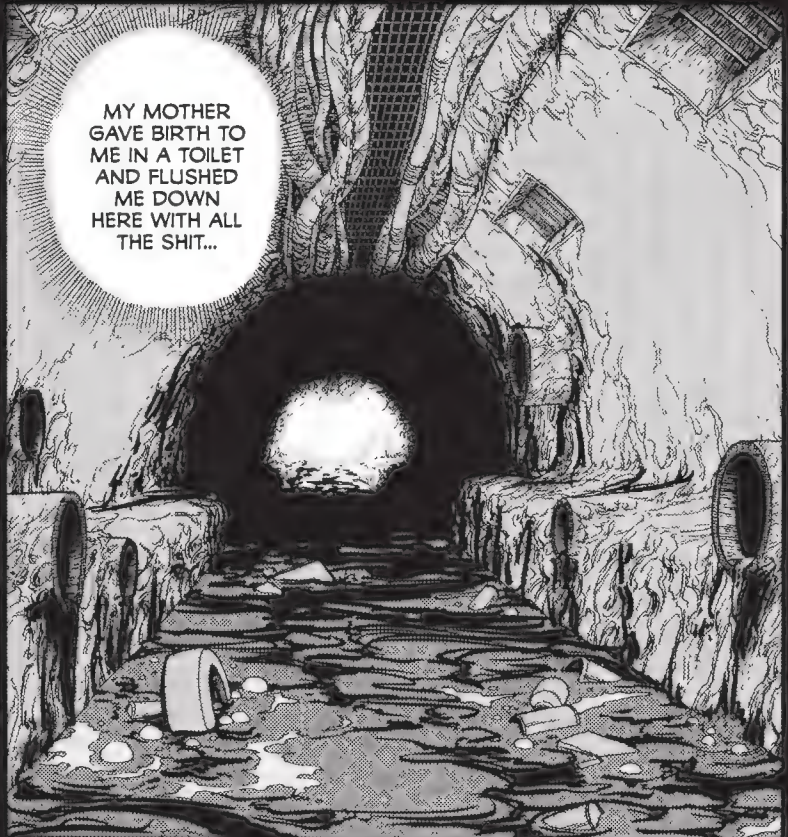
THESE
EXPLOSION
FLAMES ARE
A TYPE OF
PLASMA...SO
I CAN BLOCK
THEM WITH
MY MAGNETIC
FIELD.

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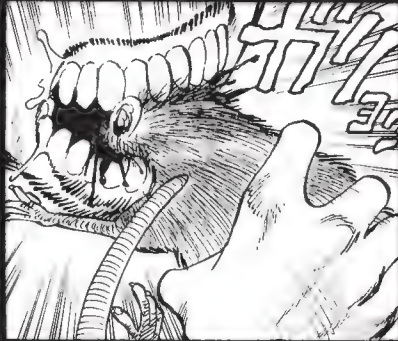
BECAUSE
THAT WAS
WHAT I
WANTED.



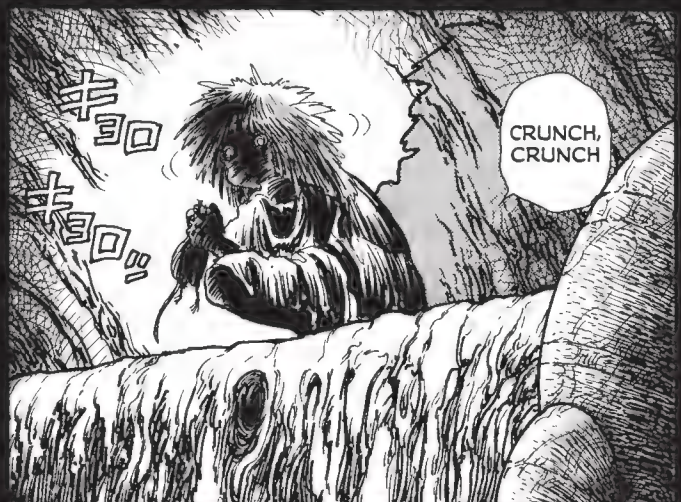
I GREW
UP WITHIN
DECAY AND
FILTH...



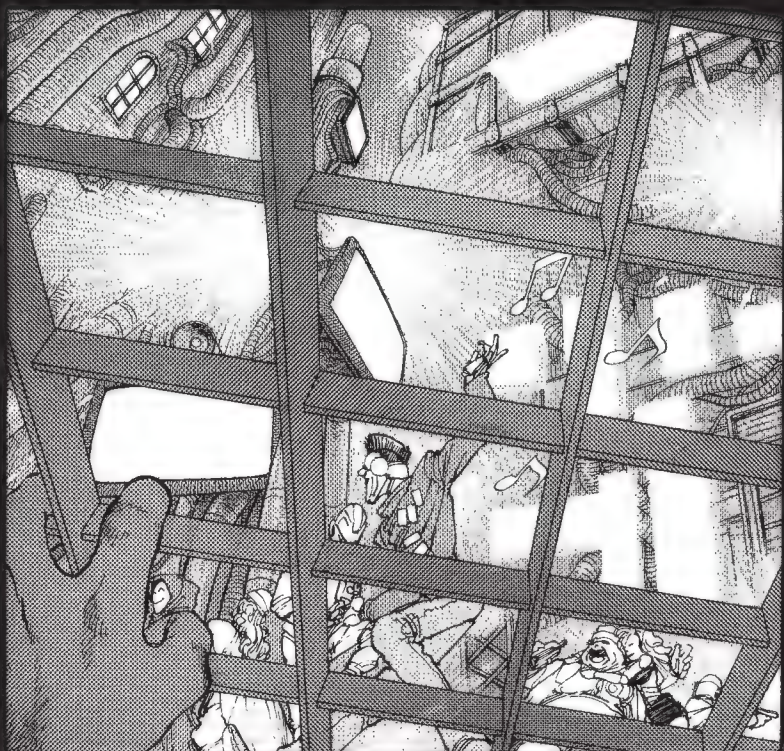
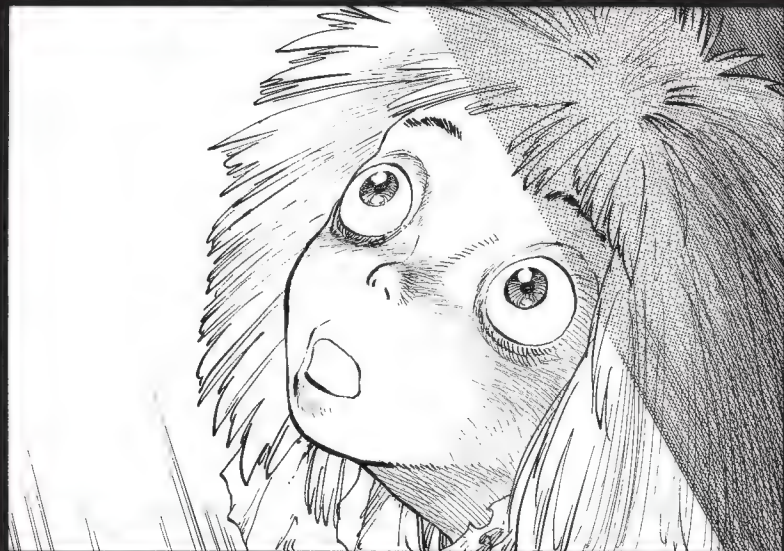
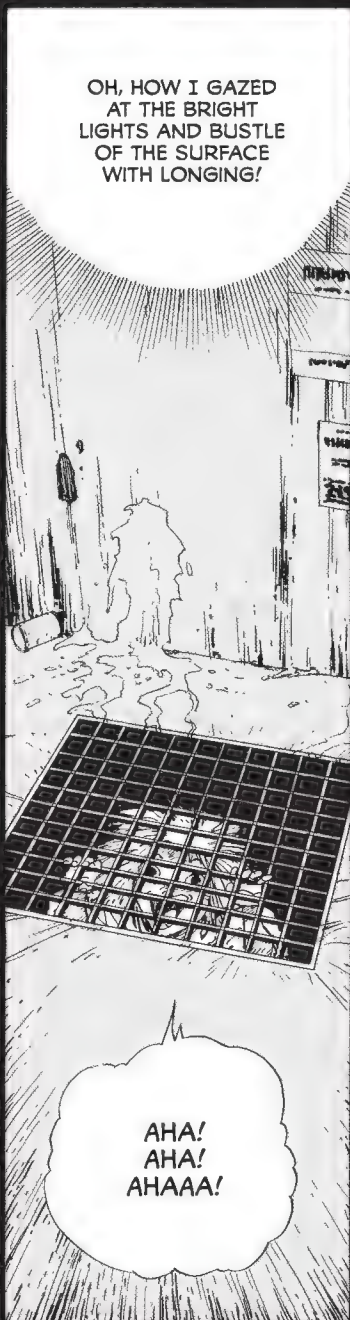
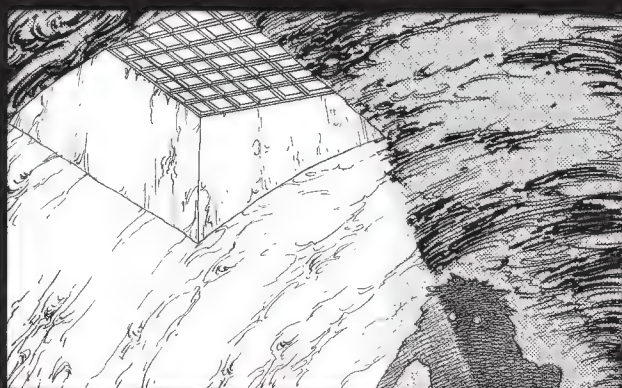
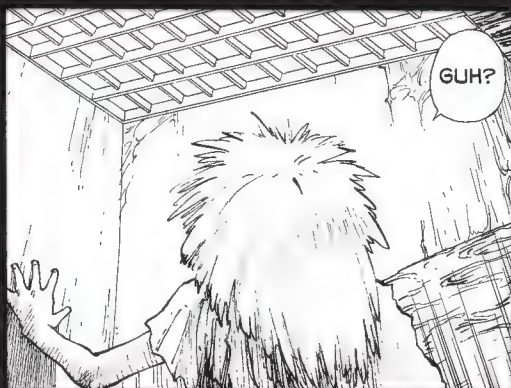
MY MOTHER
GAVE BIRTH TO
ME IN A TOILET
AND FLUSHED
ME DOWN
HERE WITH ALL
THE SHIT...



GLUG,
GULP



CRUNCH,
CRUNCH





GAAH!

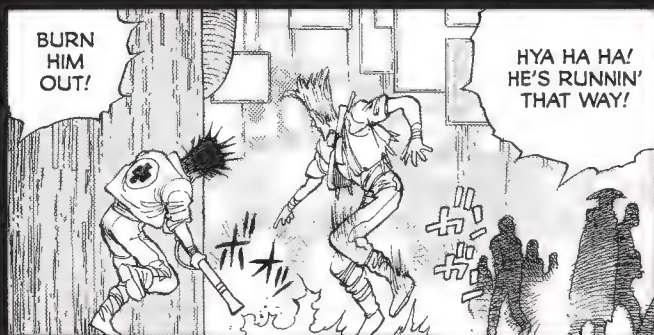


HEH
HEH!

HEY,
LOOKS LIKE
WE GOT A
WHOPPER
OF A
SEWER
RAT.

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AHAA!



BURN
HIM
OUT!

HYA HA HA!
HE'S RUNNIN'
THAT WAY!

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MY INJURIES
GOT INFECTED,
AND MY BODY
ESSENTIALLY
FESTERED AND
ROTTED AWAY.

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AGUU!

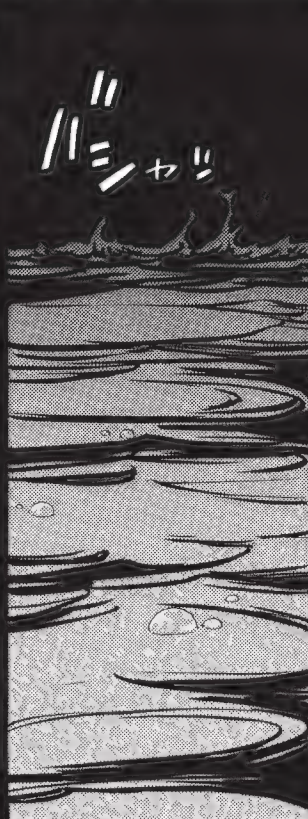
AIEE!



AGUU!

UUH...

AGUU!



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AIE...
D-DON'T
WANNA
DIE...

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NOBODY WILL
EVER STOP TO
THINK ABOUT
ME...

I'M GOING
TO DIE...AND
TURN INTO
JUST MORE...
GARBAGE...

NOBODY
NOTICES...
THAT I'M
DYING
DOWN
HERE...

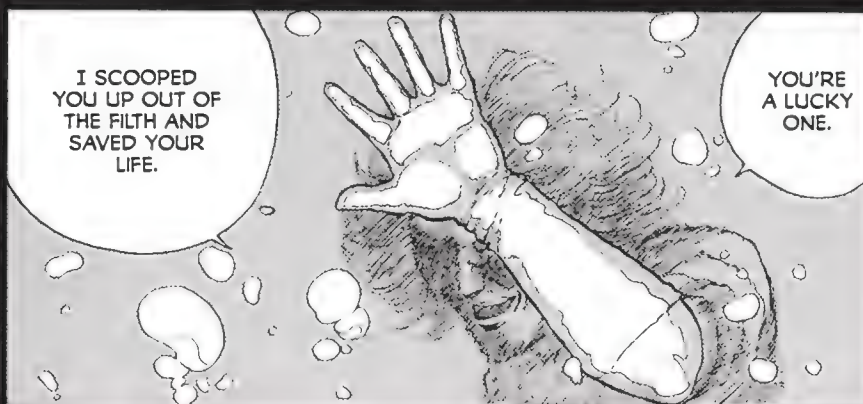
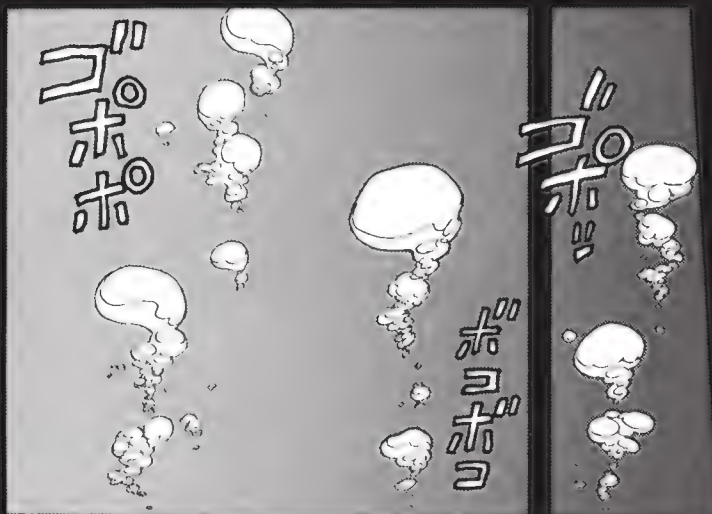
SOME-
ONE...

I'M HERE...
I'M ALIVE
DOWN
HERE!

NOTICE
ME...

SOMEONE
SPEAK TO
MEEE!





I SCOOPED
YOU UP OUT OF
THE FILTH AND
SAVED YOUR
LIFE.

YOU'RE
A LUCKY
ONE.



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AND
I SHALL
CRAFT THE
FORM THAT
BEST
EMBODIES
IT.

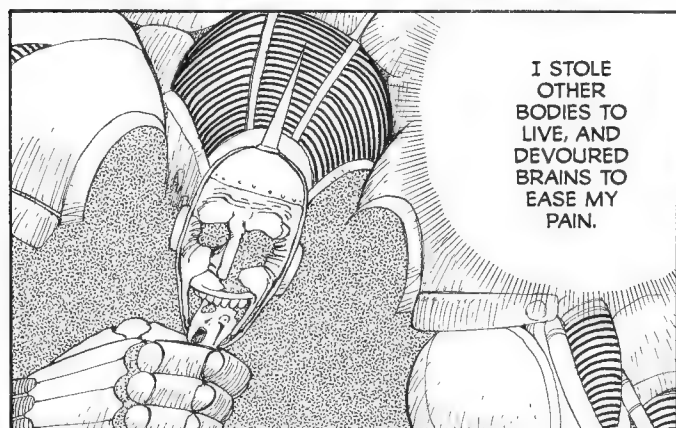
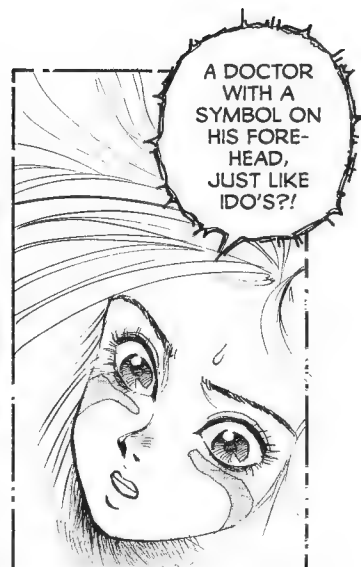
SHOW ME
THE DESIRE
THAT EXISTS
WITHIN
YOUR
HEART.



HEH
HEH...

BUT
SADLY, YOUR
FLESH HAD
DECOMPOSED
SO MUCH
AS TO BE
UNUSABLE.

SO
INSTEAD...
I WILL
GIVE YOU
A BRAND
NEW
BODY.



IT WAS NO
DIFFERENT
FROM WHEN
I WAS DYING
IN THE
SEWERS.

NO ONE
ANSWERED
MY CALL.

...I MET
YOU,
ALITA.

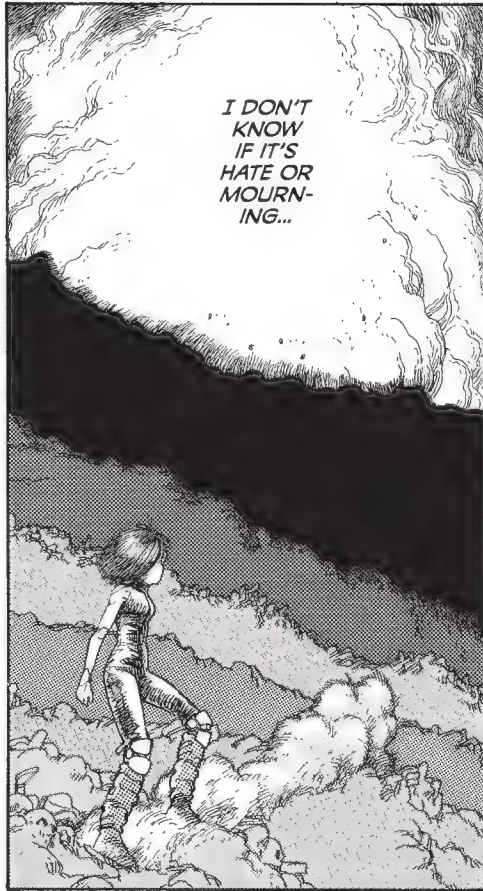
AND
THEN...

HATE
ME!

STRIKE
ME
DOWN!

BURN MY
SOUL TO
CINDERS!!





I DON'T
KNOW
IF IT'S
HATE OR
MOURN-
ING...



I DON'T KNOW
IF IT'S A SIN, OR
SOMETHING TO
BE PROUD OF.

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ALL I KNOW IS
THAT MY TEARS
FLOWED FOR
HIM...





FIGHT_008

The Boy Who Saw Blue Sky



AHH...THE
CLOUDS
ARE SO
PRETTY...



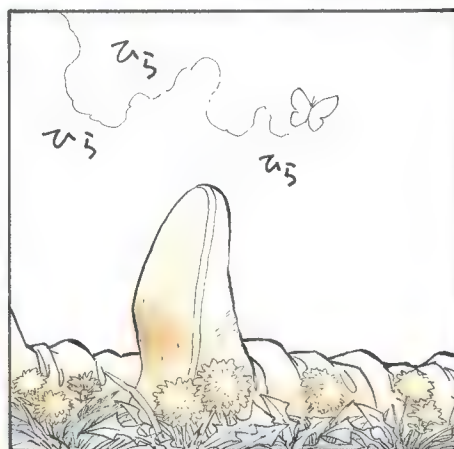
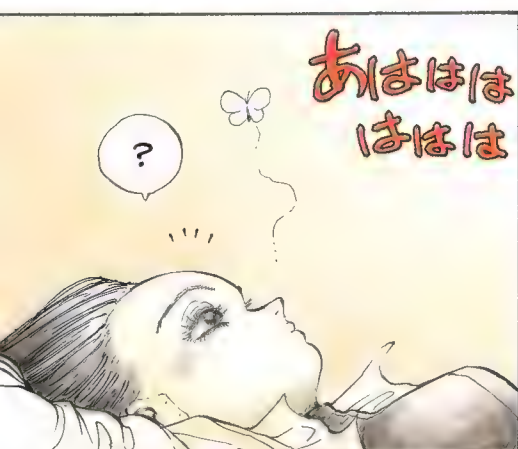
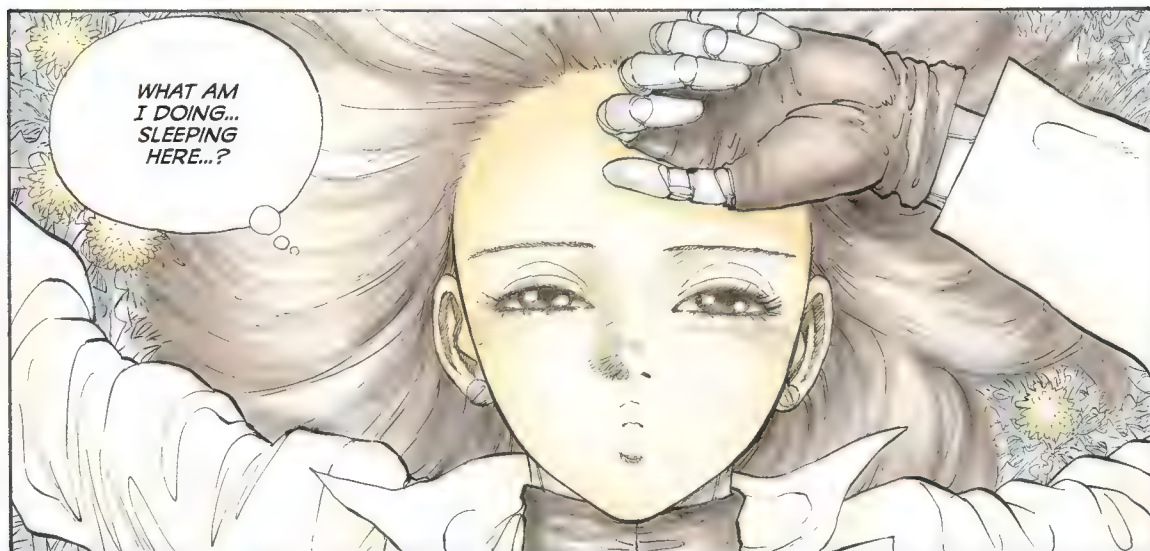
WHERE
AM I...?

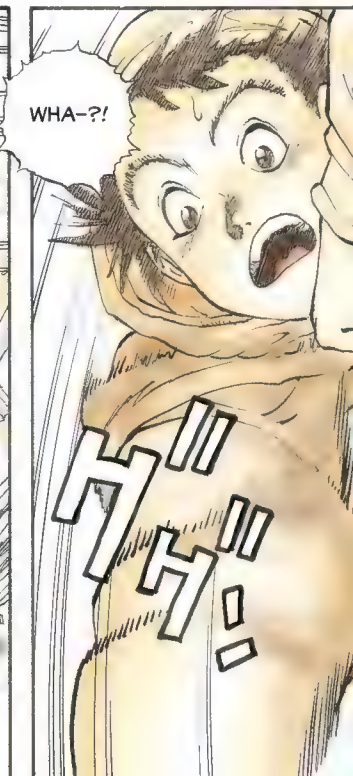
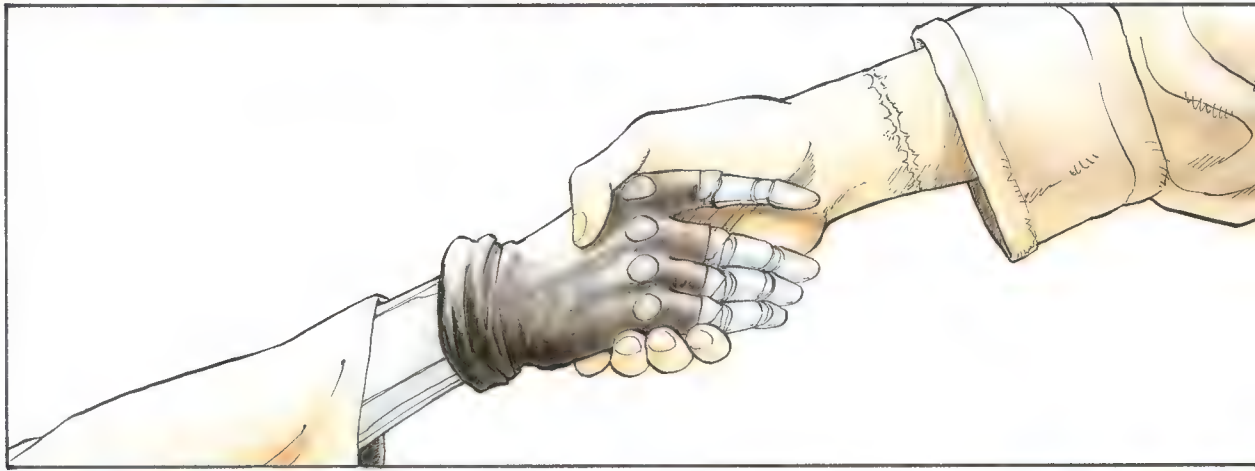
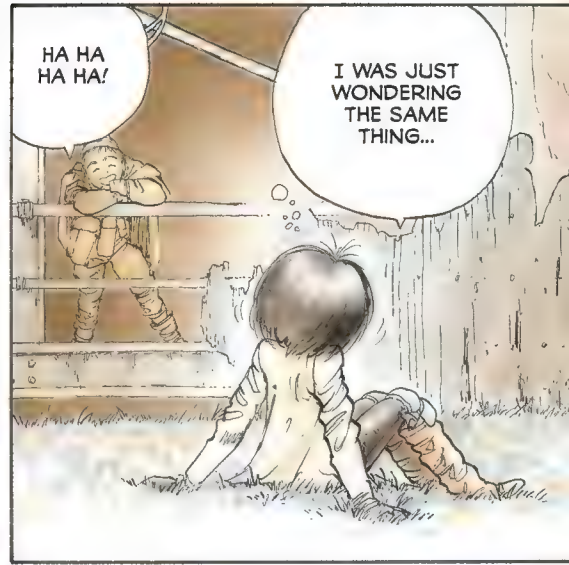
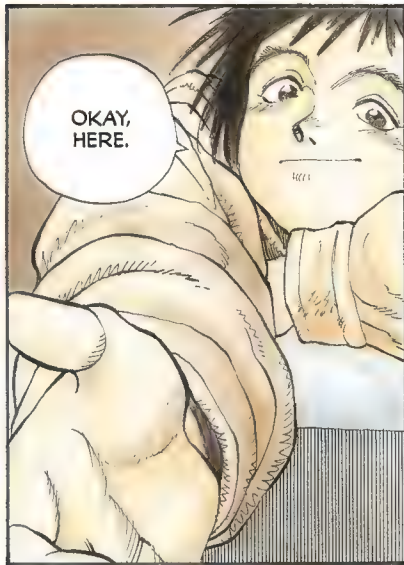
WAIT...

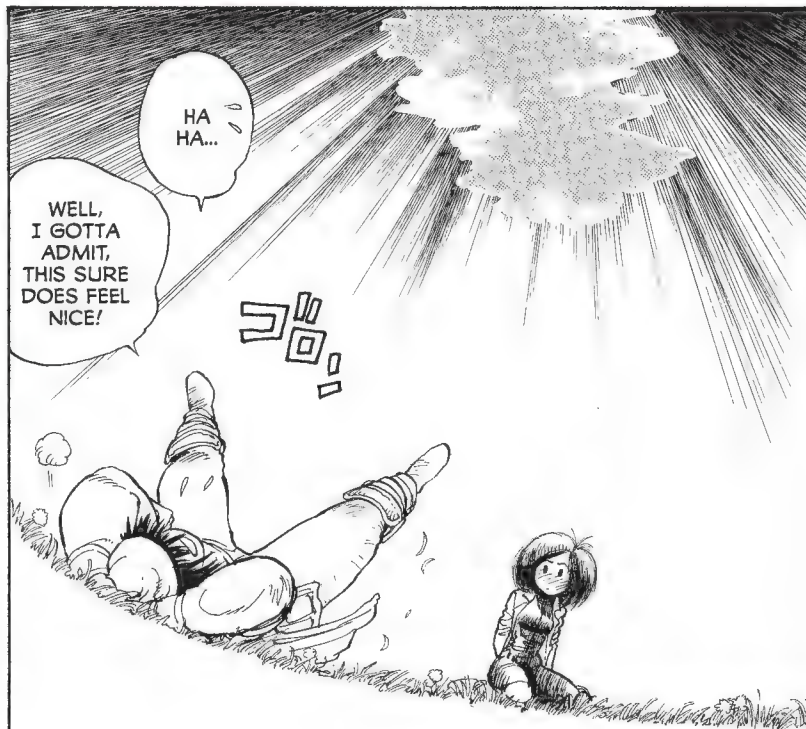
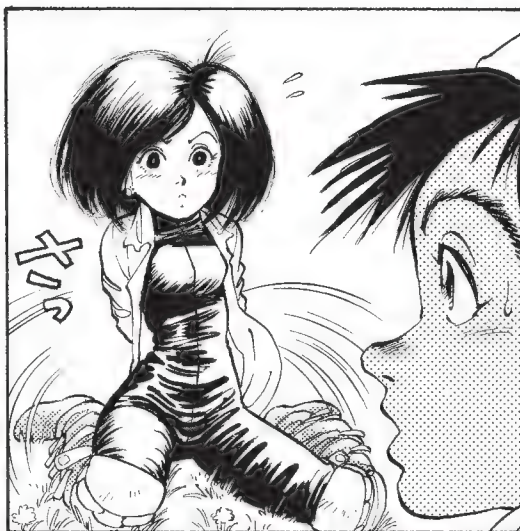
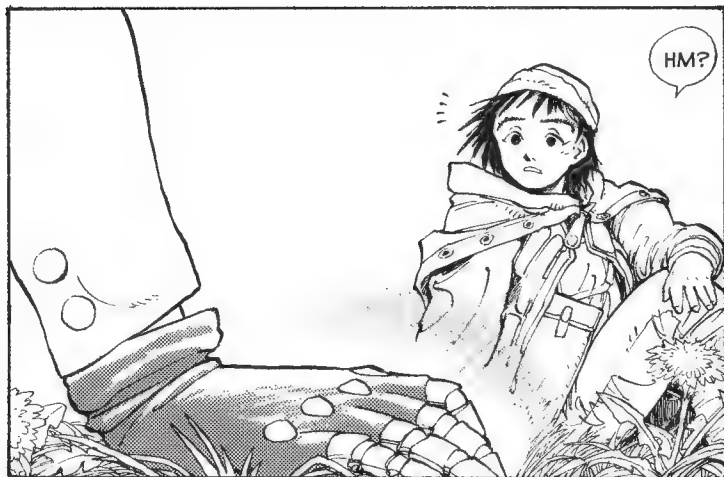


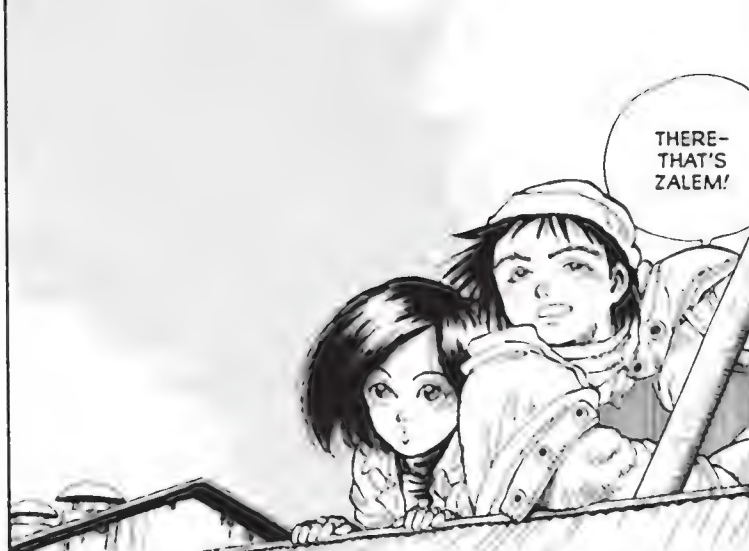
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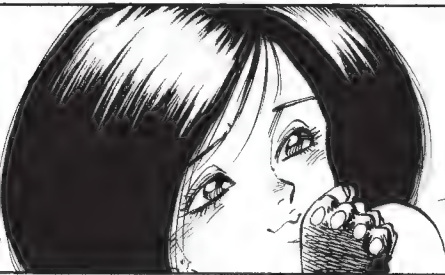


WHEN YOU JUST STARE
AT IT FOR MINUTES AT A
TIME, YOU FEEL IT SUCK-
ING YOUR VERY SOUL
UPWARD.



IT
TAKES MY
BREATH
AWAY
EVERY
SINGLE
TIME.

I WONDER
WHAT KINDA
PEOPLE LIVE
UP THERE.



HEE
HEE!

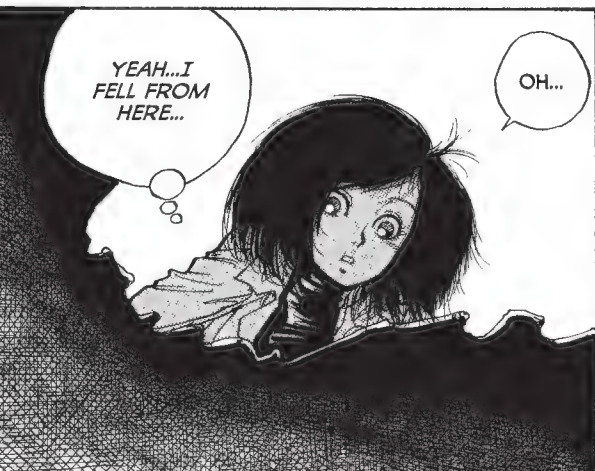
THIS OLD EMPTY
FACTORY ON THE
EDGE OF TOWN'S
BEEN MY SECRET
PLAYGROUND
SINCE I WAS
A KID.

WHEN I'M
BORED, I LIKE
COMING HERE
TO GAZE AT
ZALEM.



IT'S FUNNIER
TO LOOK AT
YOUR FACE.

WHAT?
WHAT
ARE YOU
STARIN'
AT?



YEAH...I
FELL FROM
HERE...

OH...

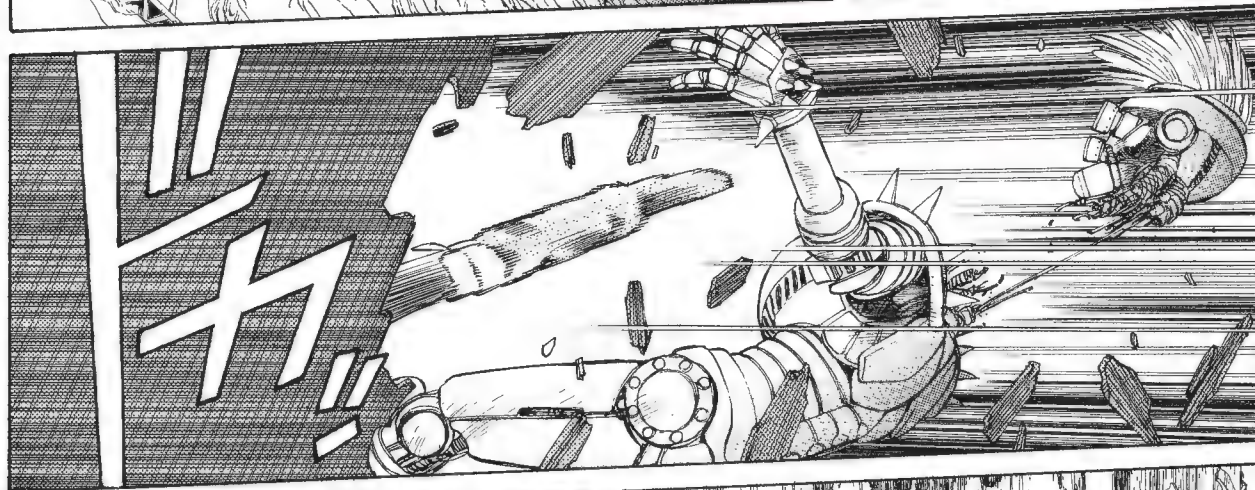


WHOA,
WATCH
OUT! IT'S
BRITTLE
OVER
THERE.

...AND
FOLLOWED
THEM TO THIS
ABANDONED
FACTORY
ALONE.

THAT'S RIGHT,
I WAS GOING
AFTER SOME
BOUNTY
TARGETS...

OUCH
...

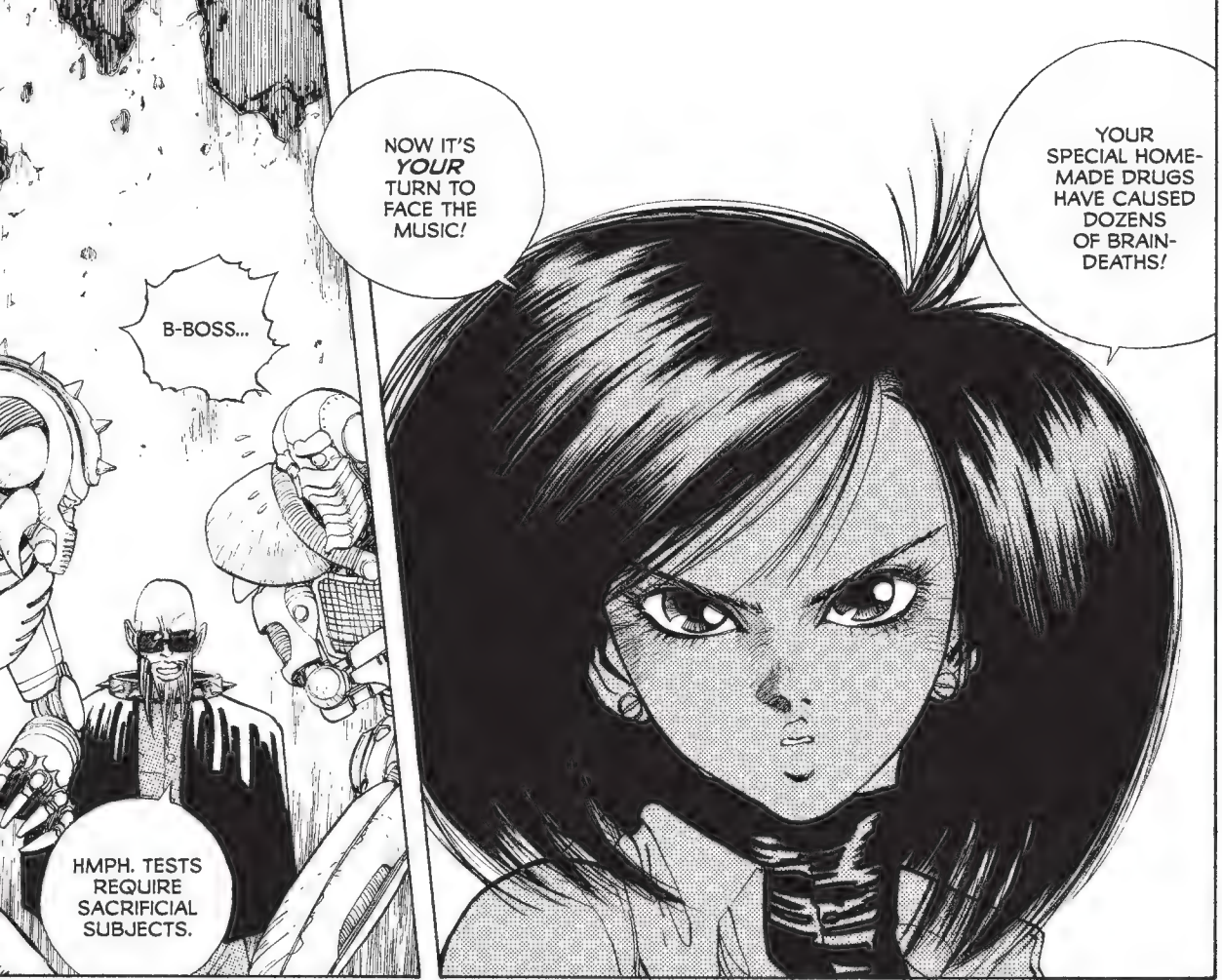


I'VE
GOT YOU
TRAPPED,
MEGIL THE
CHEMIST!

WHO IS
THAT
BITCH?!

EEP!





NOW IT'S
YOUR
TURN TO
FACE THE
MUSIC!

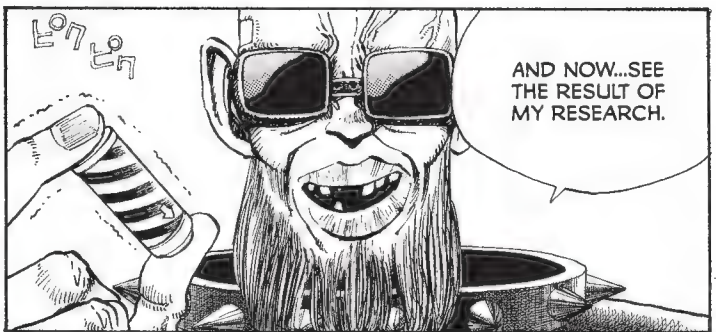
YOUR
SPECIAL HOME-
MADE DRUGS
HAVE CAUSED
DOZENS
OF BRAIN-
DEATHS!

B-BOSS...

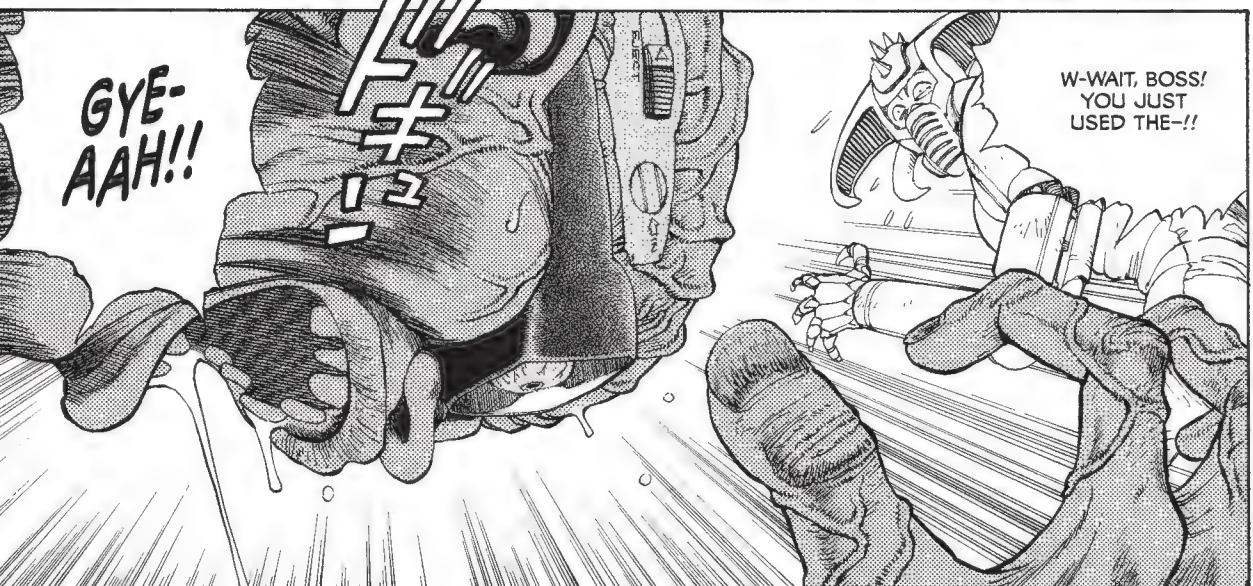
HMPH. TESTS
REQUIRE
SACRIFICIAL
SUBJECTS.



CLIK

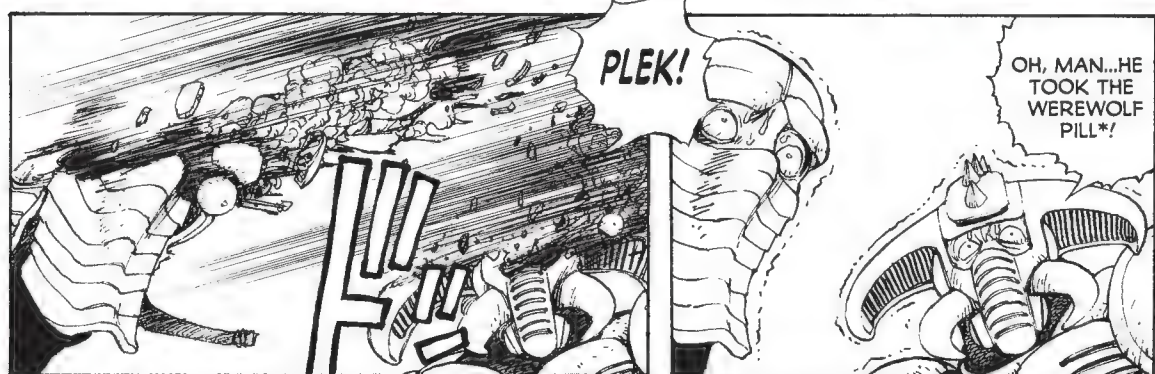
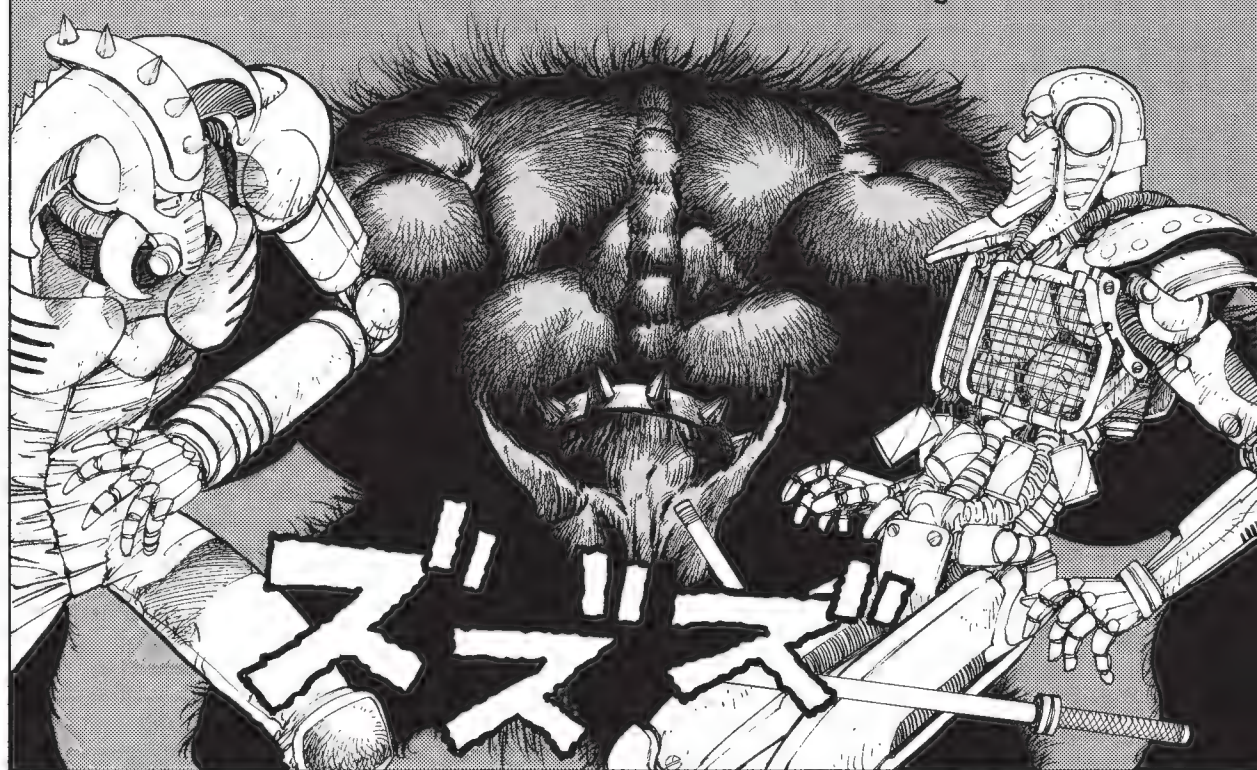
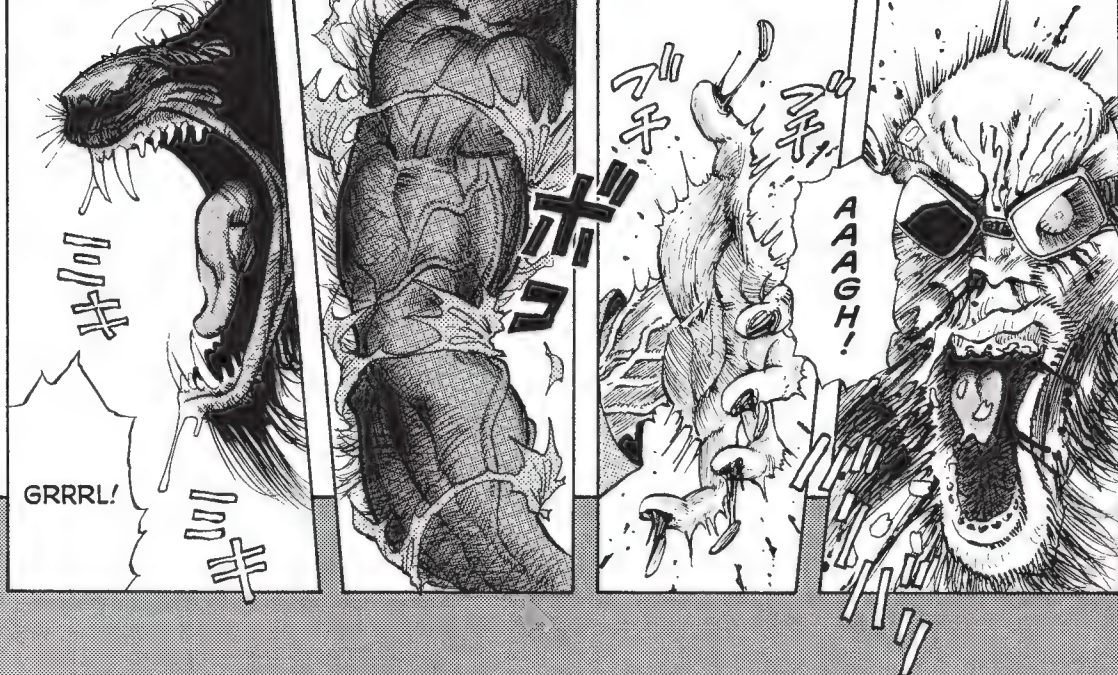


AND NOW...SEE
THE RESULT OF
MY RESEARCH.



GYE-
AAH!!

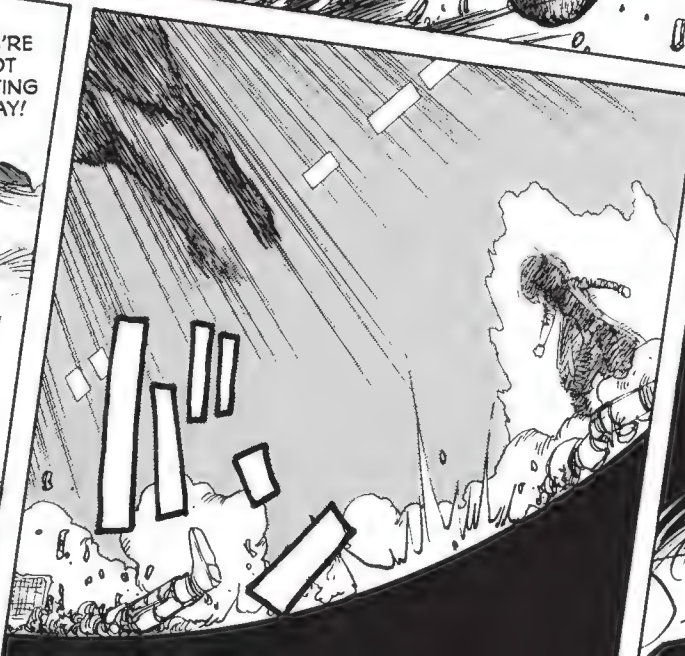
W-WAIT, BOSS!
YOU JUST
USED THE--!!



*Werewolf pill: A drug that reduces conscious thought and elevates bestial attack instincts. This self-suggestion forces the user to believe that he is a beast, which is so potent that it can alter the body and raise subliminal power to the maximum extent possible.

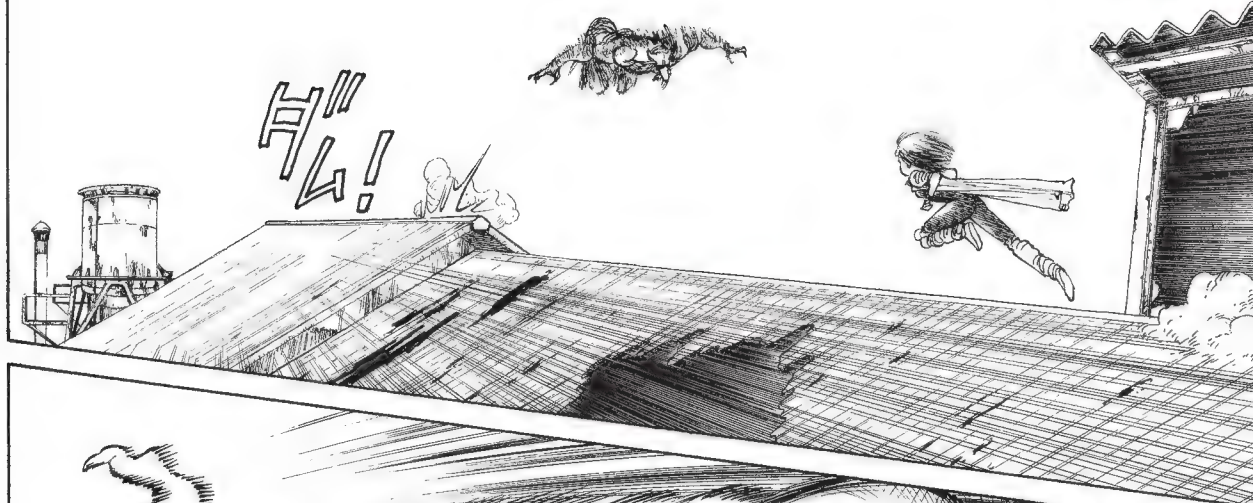


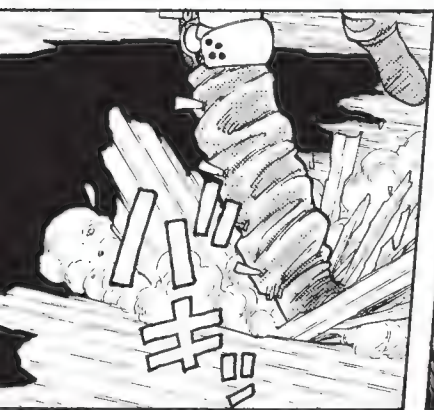
YOU'RE
NOT
GETTING
AWAY!



A...WERE-
WOLF?!









HEY, COME
OVER AND
SEE!

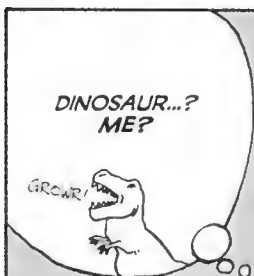
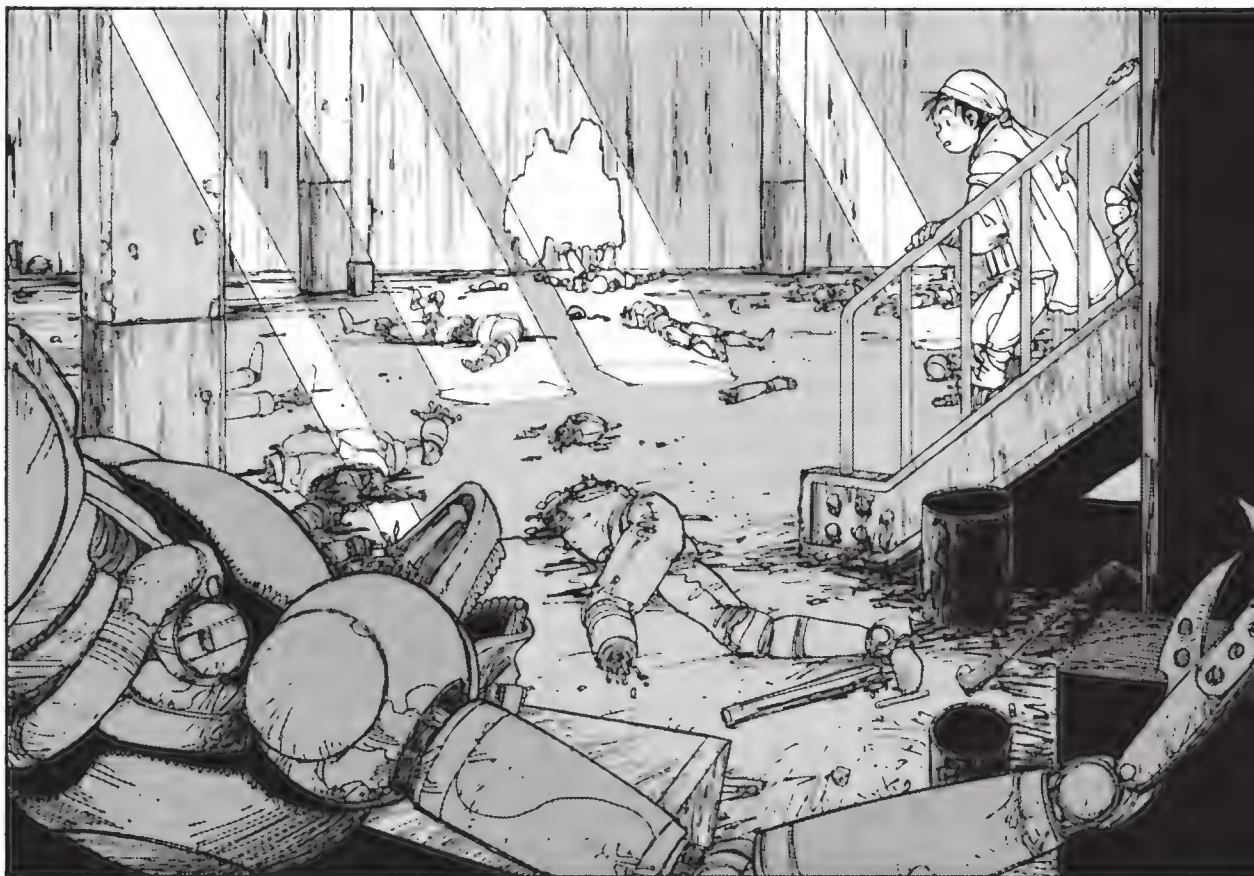


WHOA!
CHECK
THIS
OUT!



AM I IN A
SLUMP?

OKAY...
SO I GOT
SLOPPY.



DINOSAUR...?
ME?

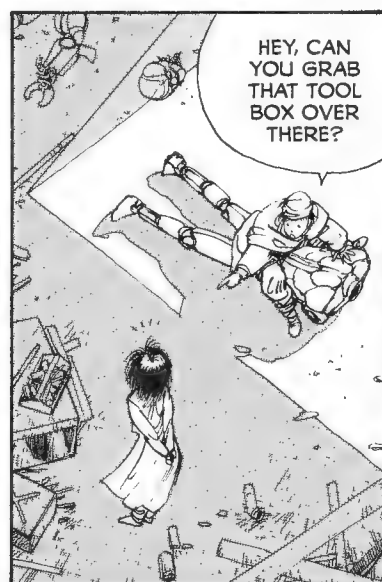
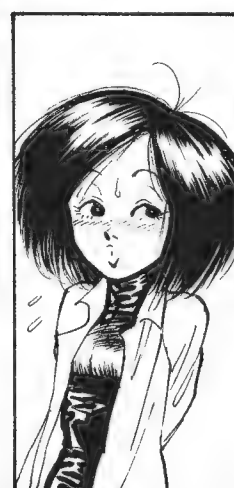


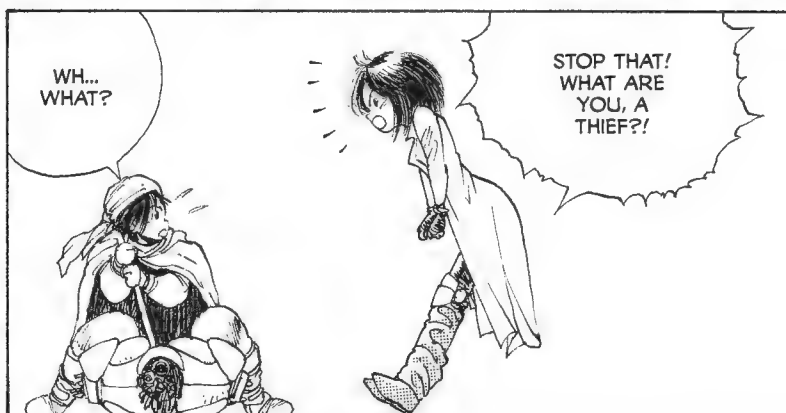
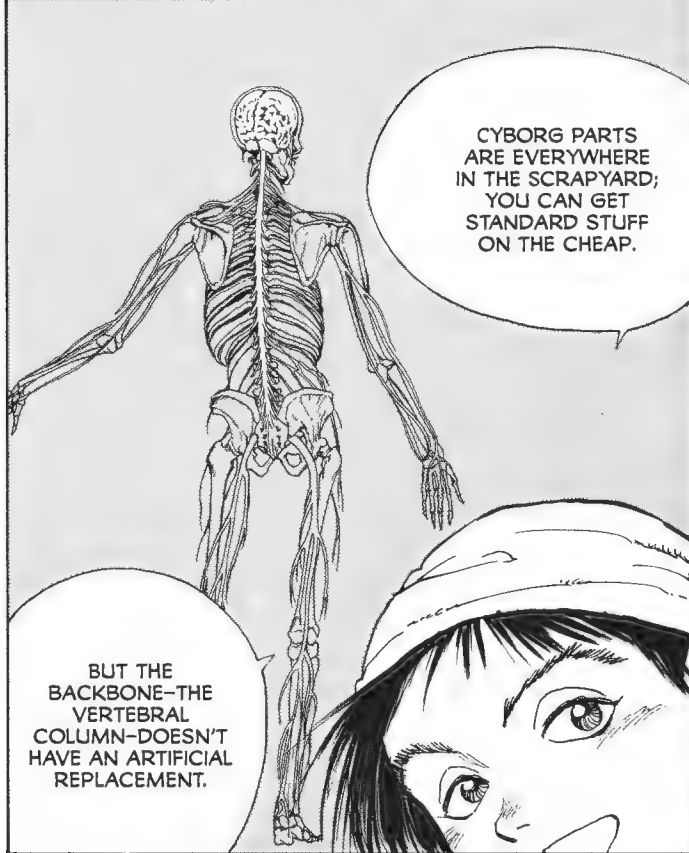
GROWL!

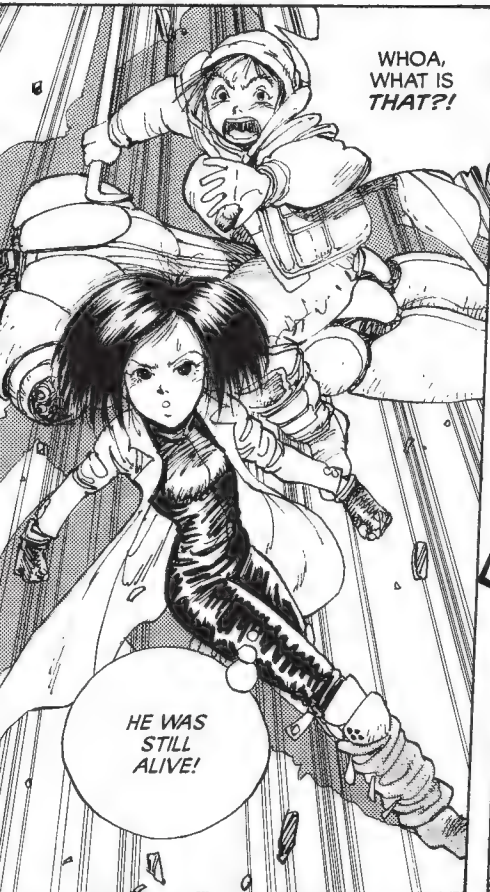


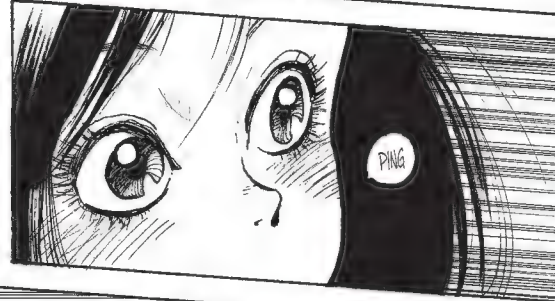
NASTY. IT'S
A SLAUGHTER-
HOUSE IN
HERE.

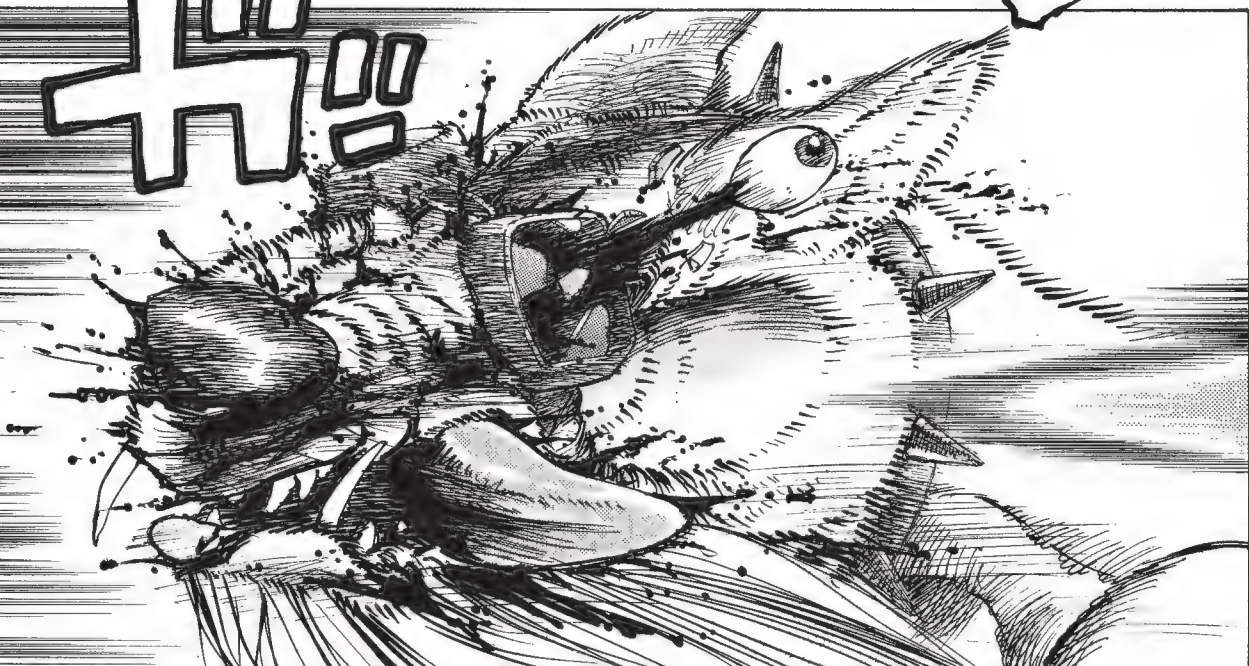
LOOKS LIKE A
DINOSAUR
WENT RAMPAG-
ING THROUGH
THE PLACE.

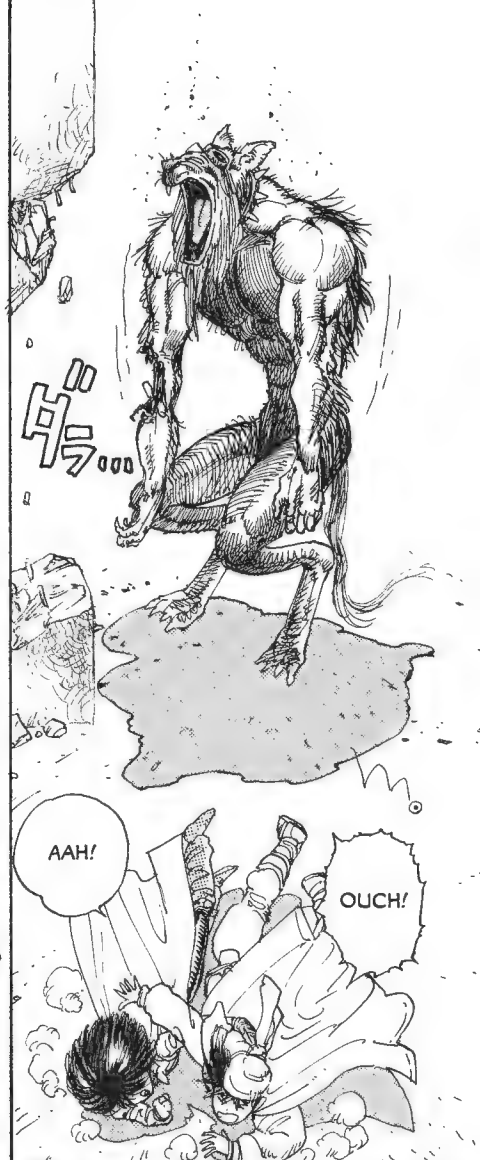














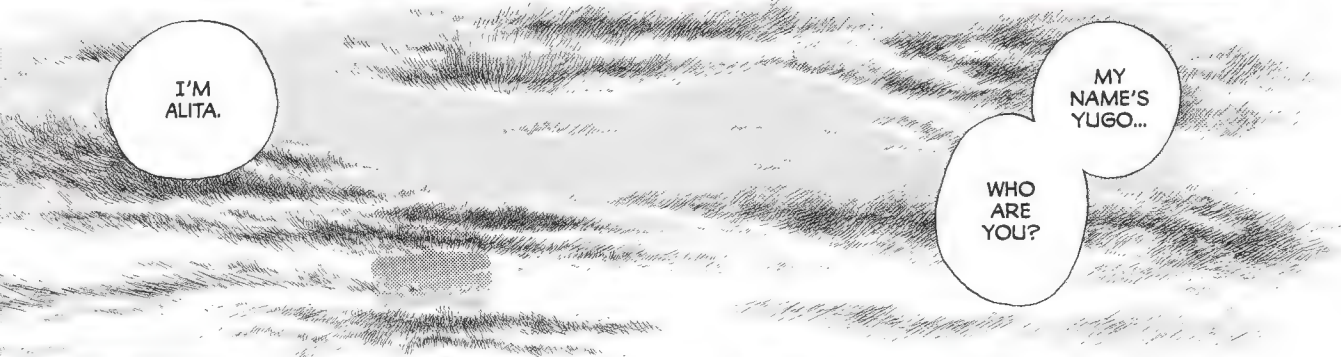
OOOH,
WOW!!

HA HA!
HA HA,
AHA,
AHA.



HUH?

ズン
ズン



I'M
ALITA.

MY
NAME'S
YUGO...

WHO
ARE
YOU?



SO
LONG.

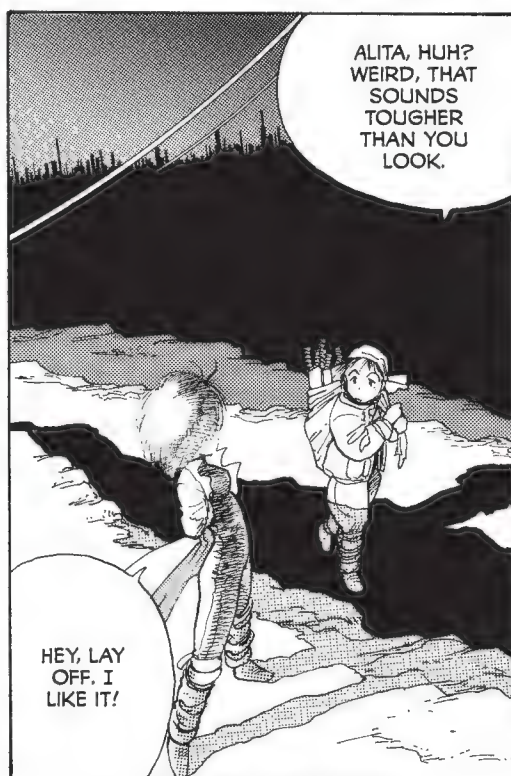


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THANKS.

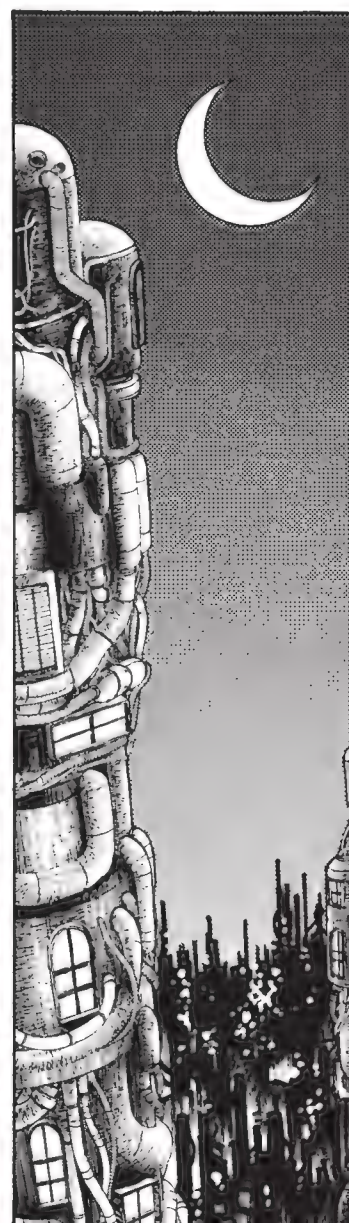


FINE,
FINE... IT'S
A NICE
NAME.



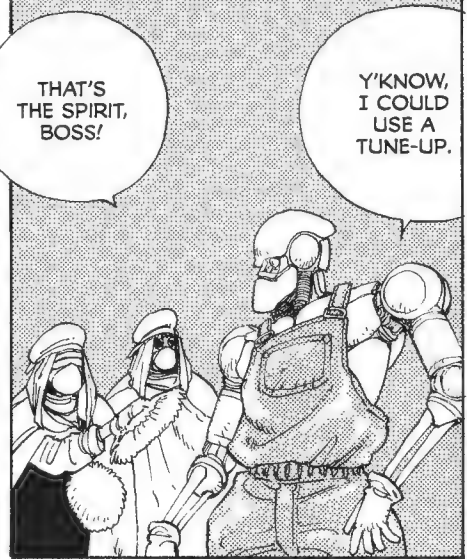
ALITA, HUH?
WEIRD, THAT
SOUNDS
TOUGHER
THAN YOU
LOOK.

HEY, LAY
OFF. I
LIKE IT!



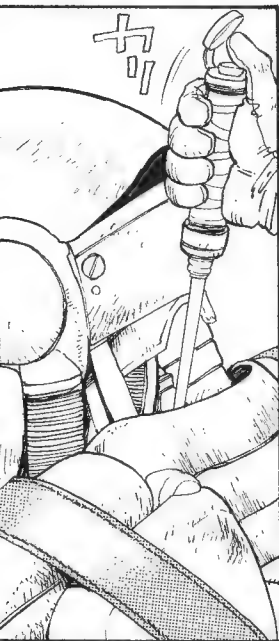


RIGHT
THIS
WAY.



THAT'S
THE SPIRIT,
BOSS!

Y'KNOW,
I COULD
USE A
TUNE-UP.



BETTER BE
THOROUGH
AND...



OH,
YOU'RE
BONE-DRY
RIGHT
THERE.

TAP
TAP

MY
SHOULDER'S
BEEN CREAKIN'
LIKE HELL
LATELY.

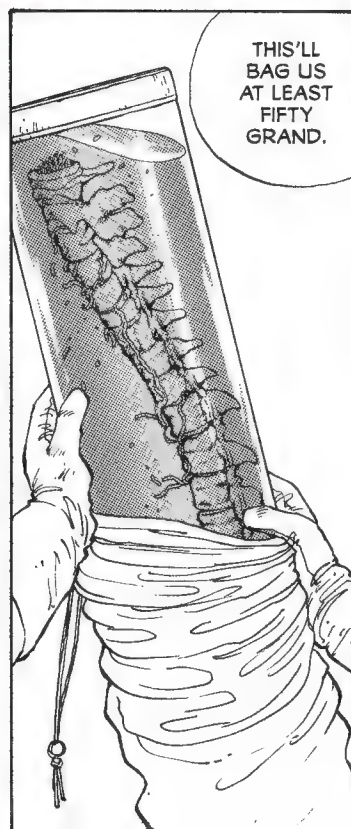
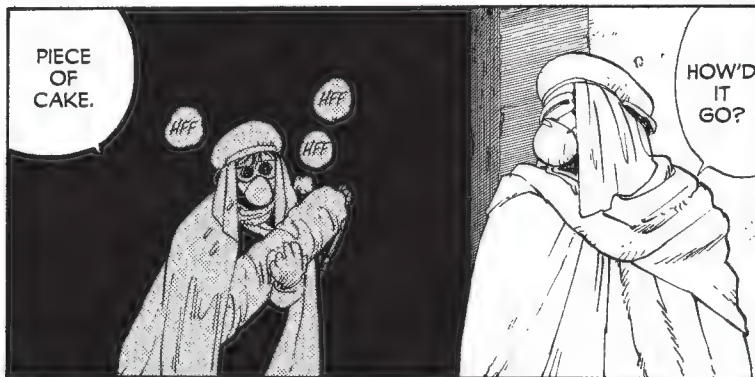
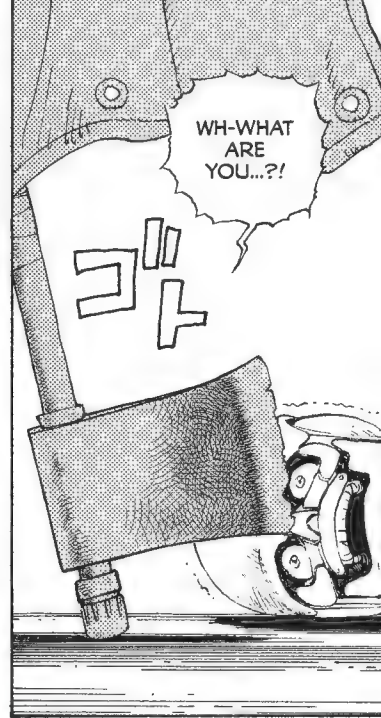
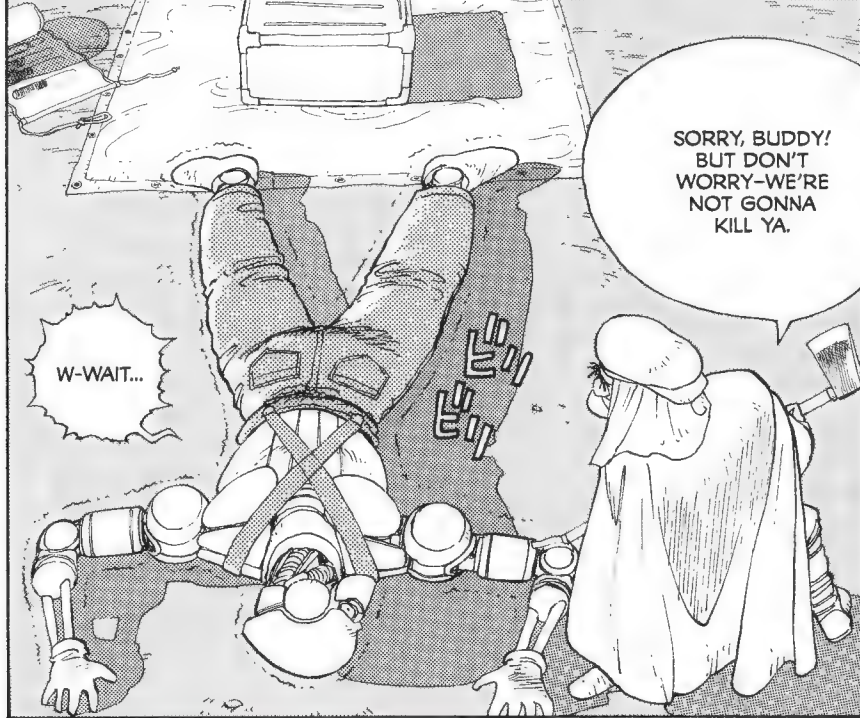


OKAY!

KEEP
AN EYE
OUT,
TANJI!



GAH!

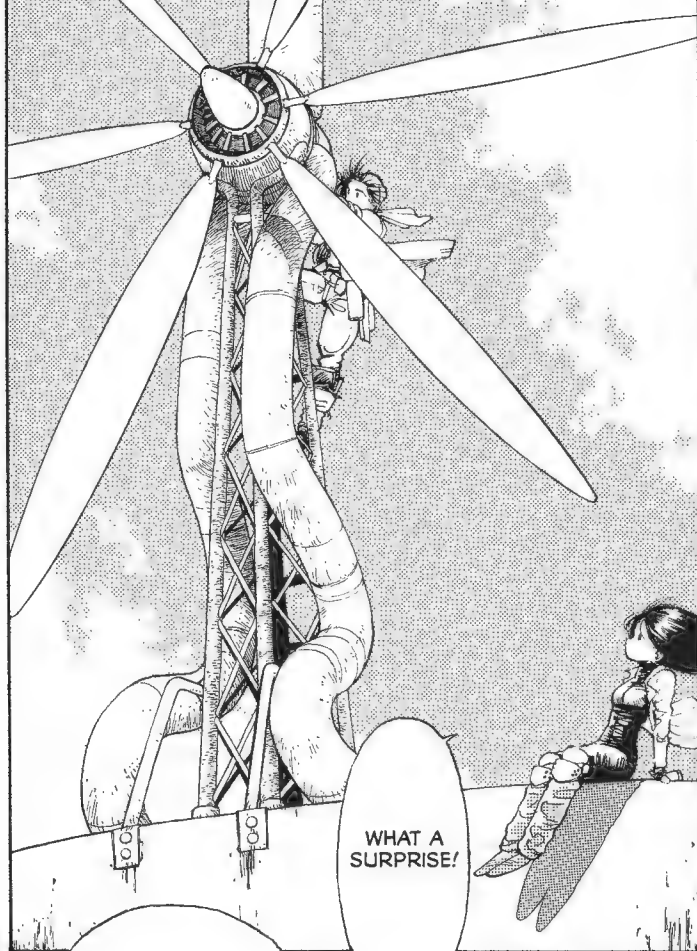






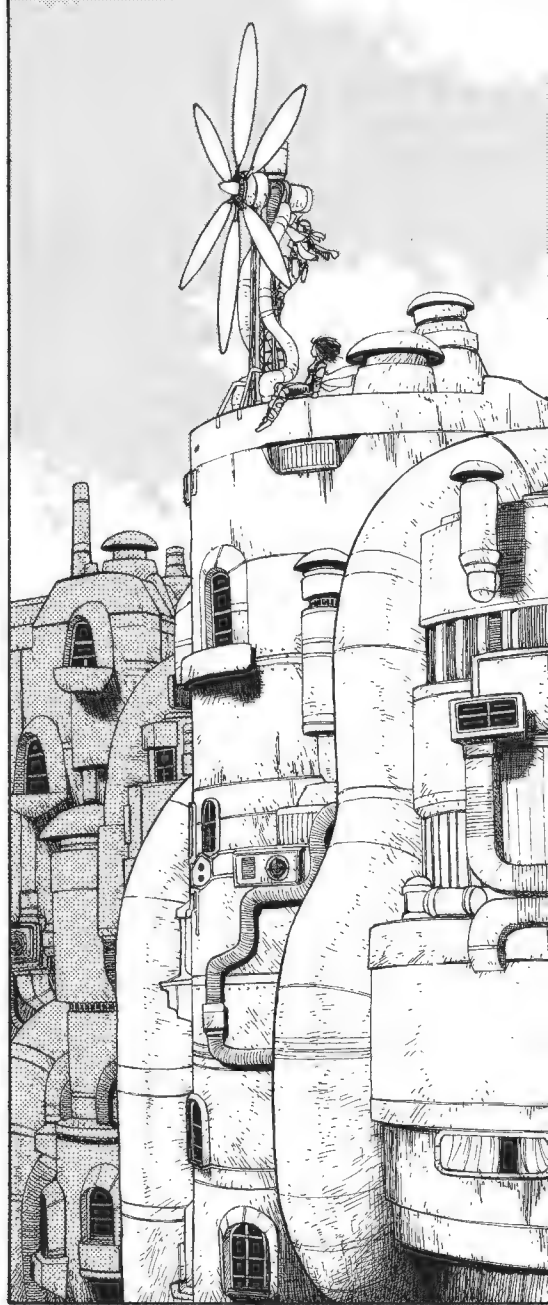
FIGHT_009 Iron Maiden





WHAT A
SURPRISE!

YOU'RE
THE ONE WHO
COMES TO
FIX OUR WIND
TURBINE
EVERY MONTH,
YUGO?



YEP!

SO YOU LIVE
WITH THE
DOCTOR
HERE?

HERE, AND
ANOTHER THIRTY
PLACES I'VE GOT
TO SEE TO BY THE
END OF THE
DAY.



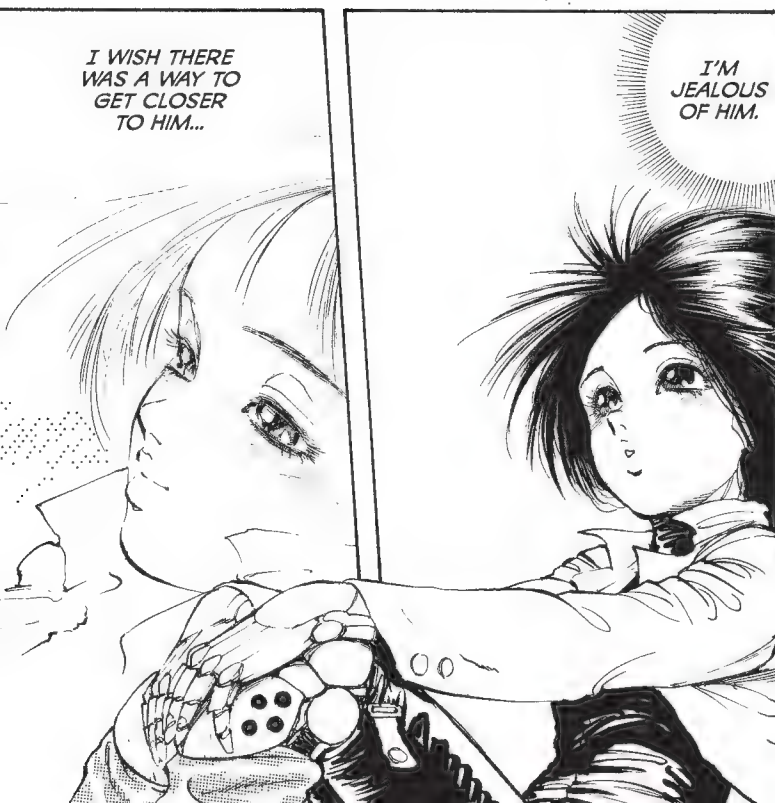
SO I CAN
BUY A TRIP
TO ZALEM!

Y'SEE...

...I'M GONNA
EARN ALL THE
CHIPS I CAN
PULL IN!

JUST
LISTENING
TO YUGO
TALK...

AHH...I
COULD
DO THIS
FOREVER...

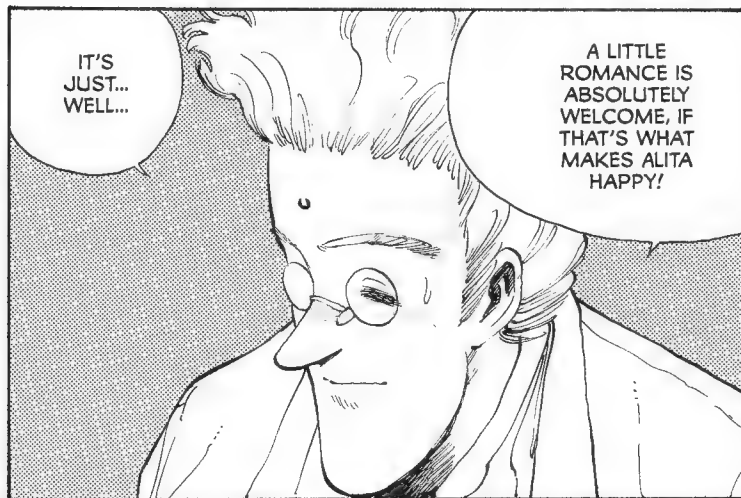
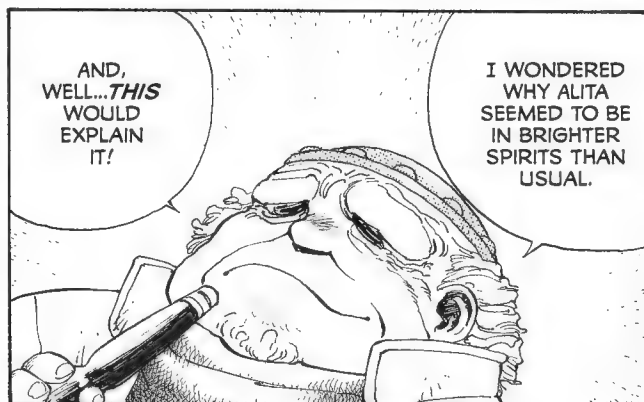


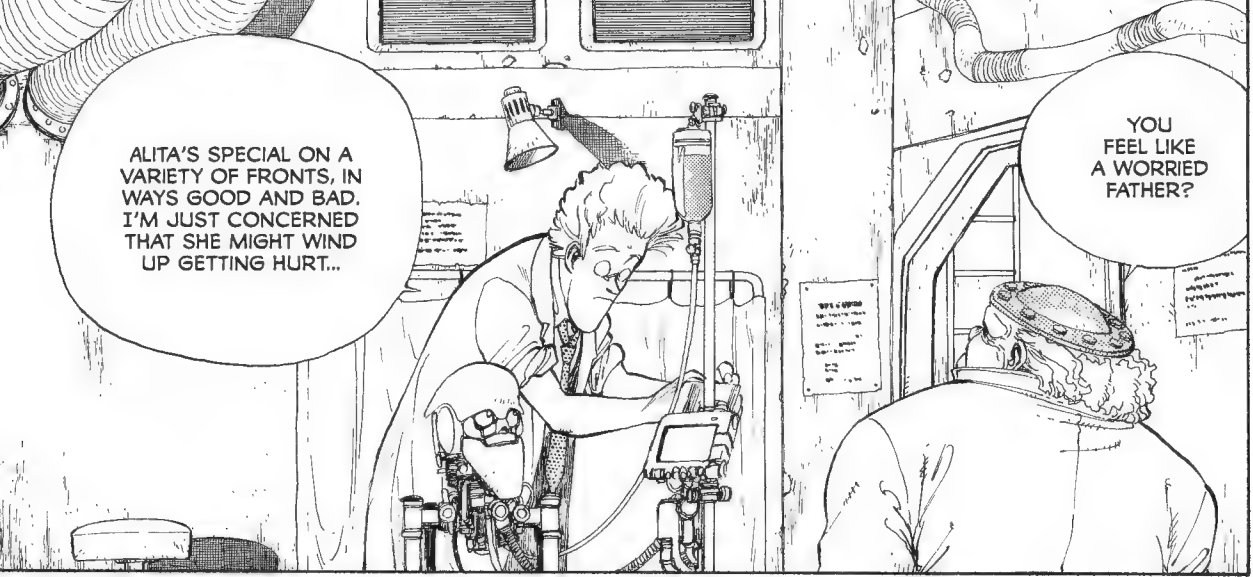
I WISH THERE
WAS A WAY TO
GET CLOSER
TO HIM...

I'M
JEALOUS
OF HIM.



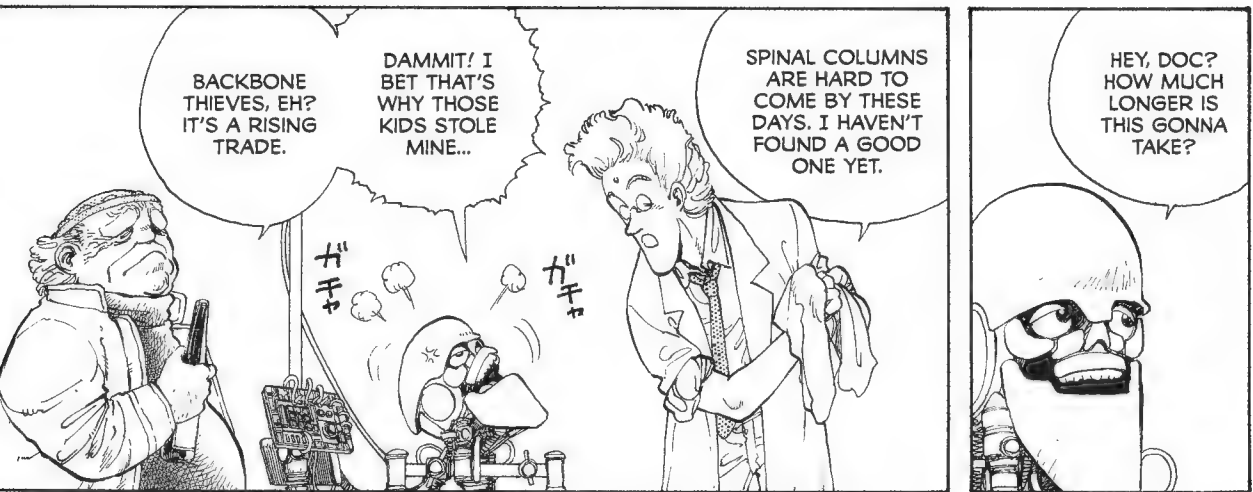
THE WAY
HIS EYES
LOOK WHEN
THEY STARE
AT THE
SKY...





ALITA'S SPECIAL ON A VARIETY OF FRONTS, IN WAYS GOOD AND BAD. I'M JUST CONCERNED THAT SHE MIGHT WIND UP GETTING HURT...

YOU FEEL LIKE A WORRIED FATHER?

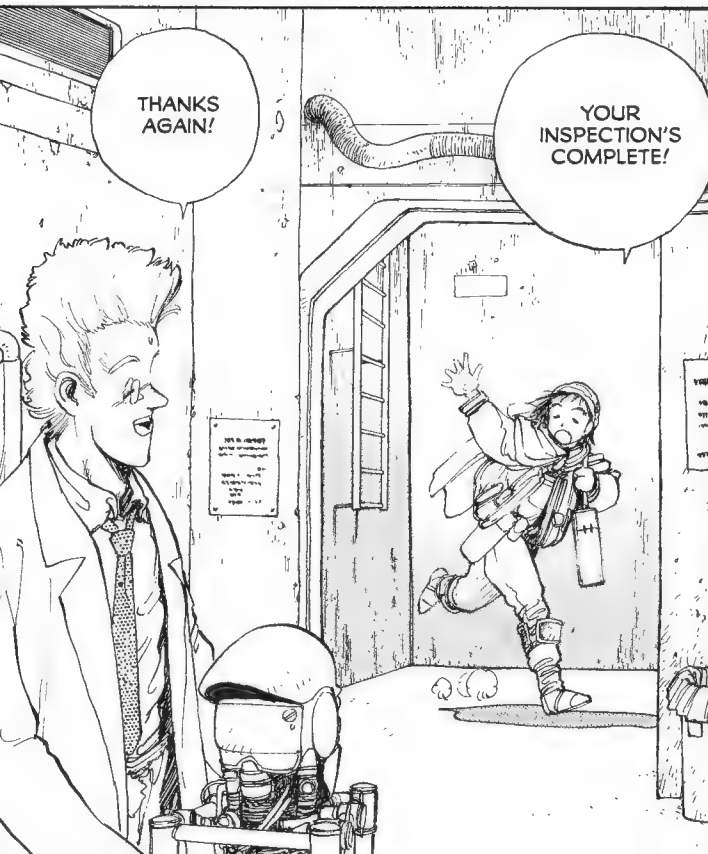


BACKBONE THIEVES, EH? IT'S A RISING TRADE.

DAMMIT! I BET THAT'S WHY THOSE KIDS STOLE MINE...

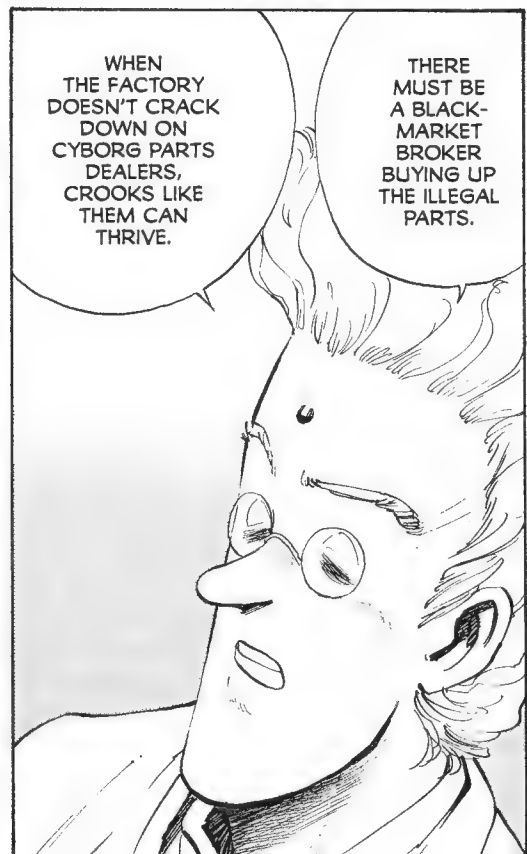
SPINAL COLUMNS ARE HARD TO COME BY THESE DAYS. I HAVEN'T FOUND A GOOD ONE YET.

HEY, DOC? HOW MUCH LONGER IS THIS GONNA TAKE?



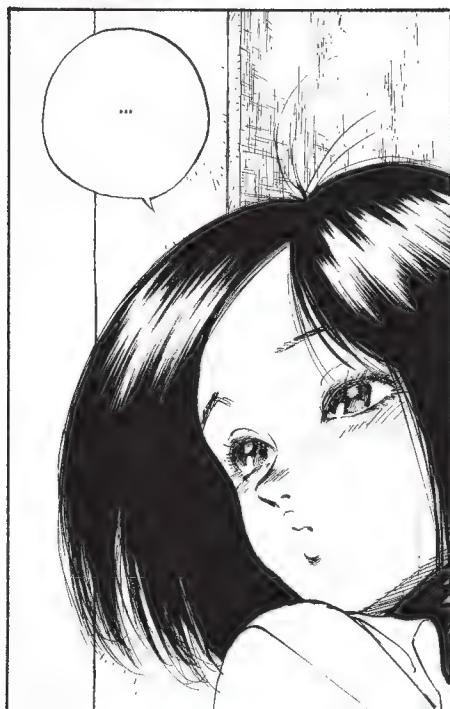
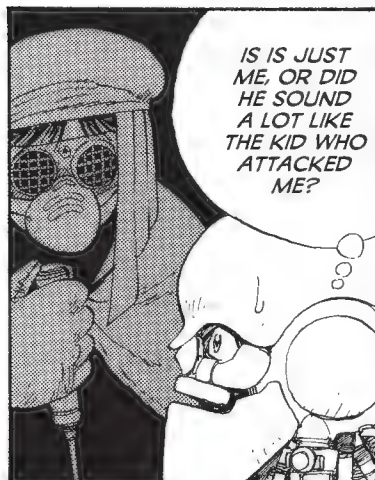
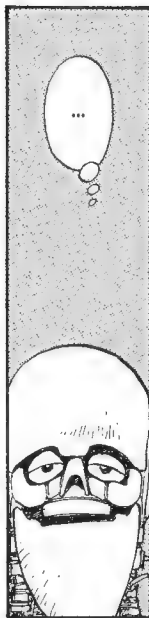
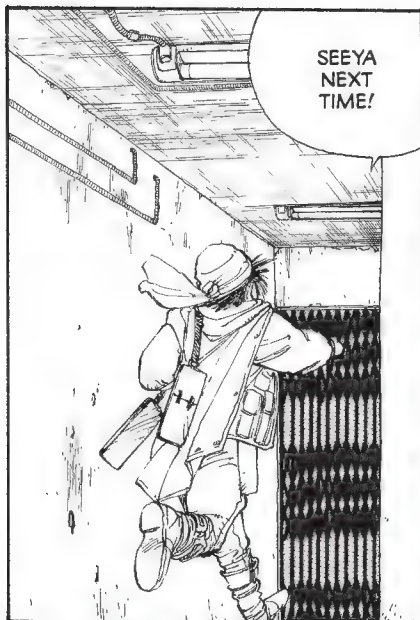
THANKS AGAIN!

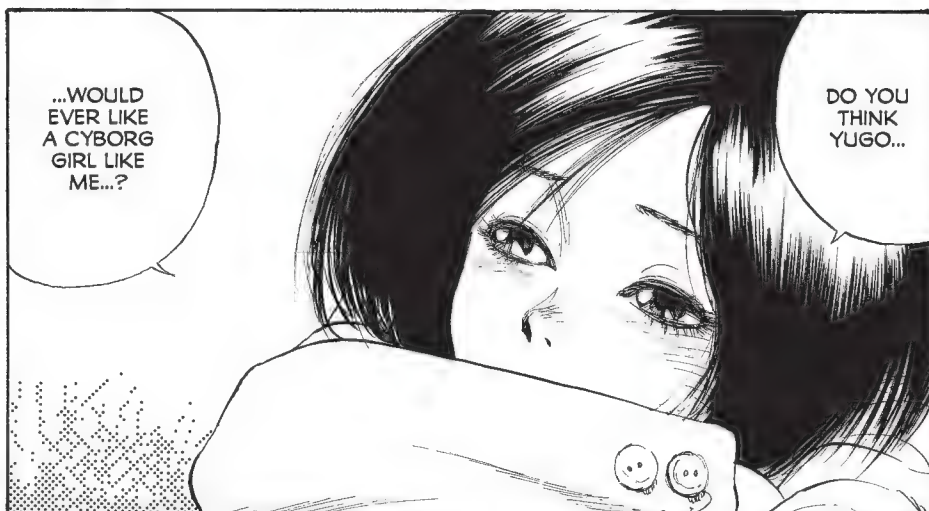
YOUR INSPECTION'S COMPLETE!

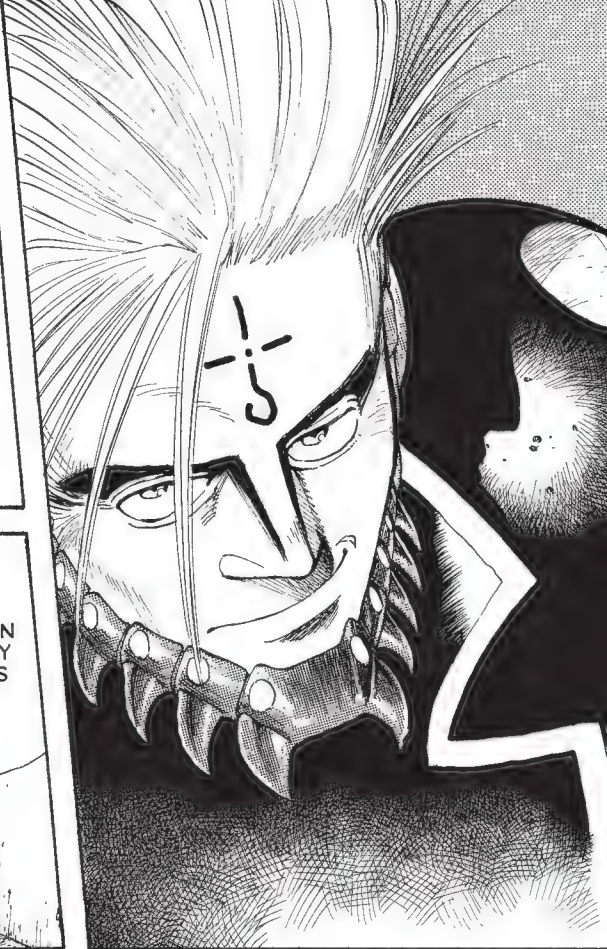


WHEN THE FACTORY DOESN'T CRACK DOWN ON CYBORG PARTS DEALERS, CROOKS LIKE THEM CAN THRIVE.

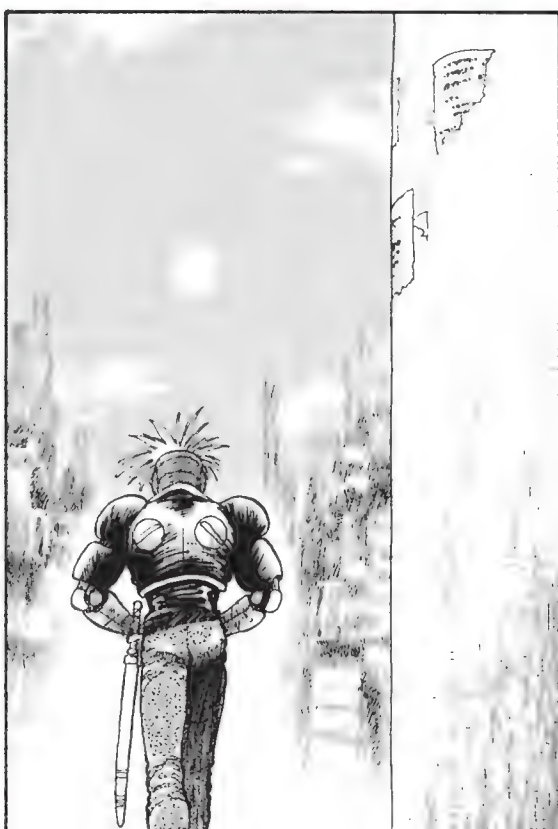
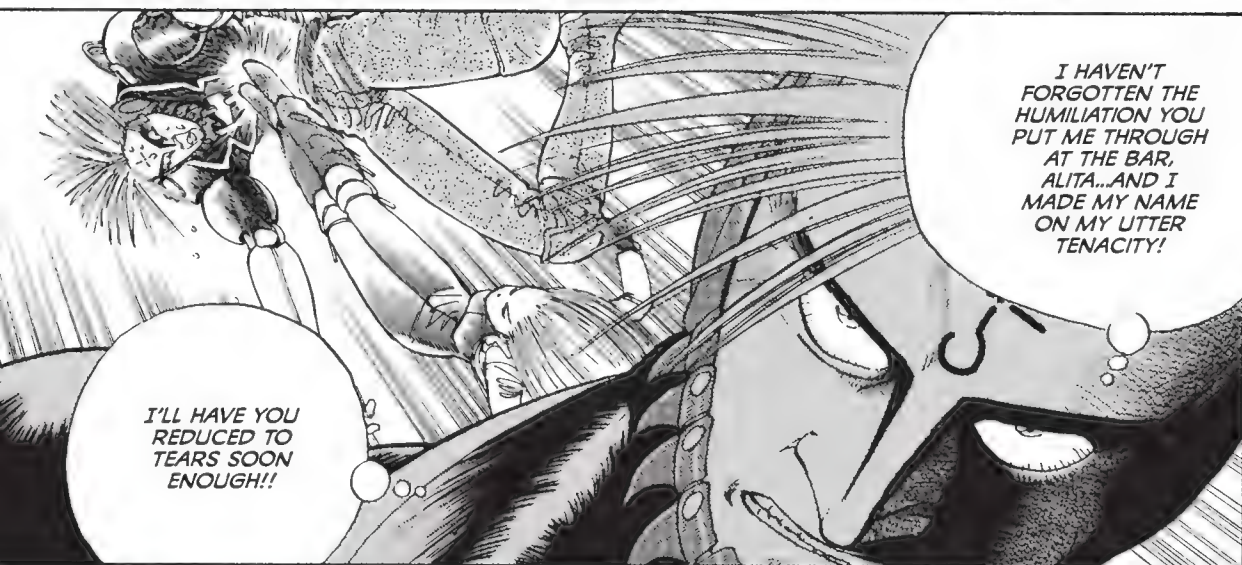
THERE MUST BE A BLACK-MARKET BROKER BUYING UP THE ILLEGAL PARTS.

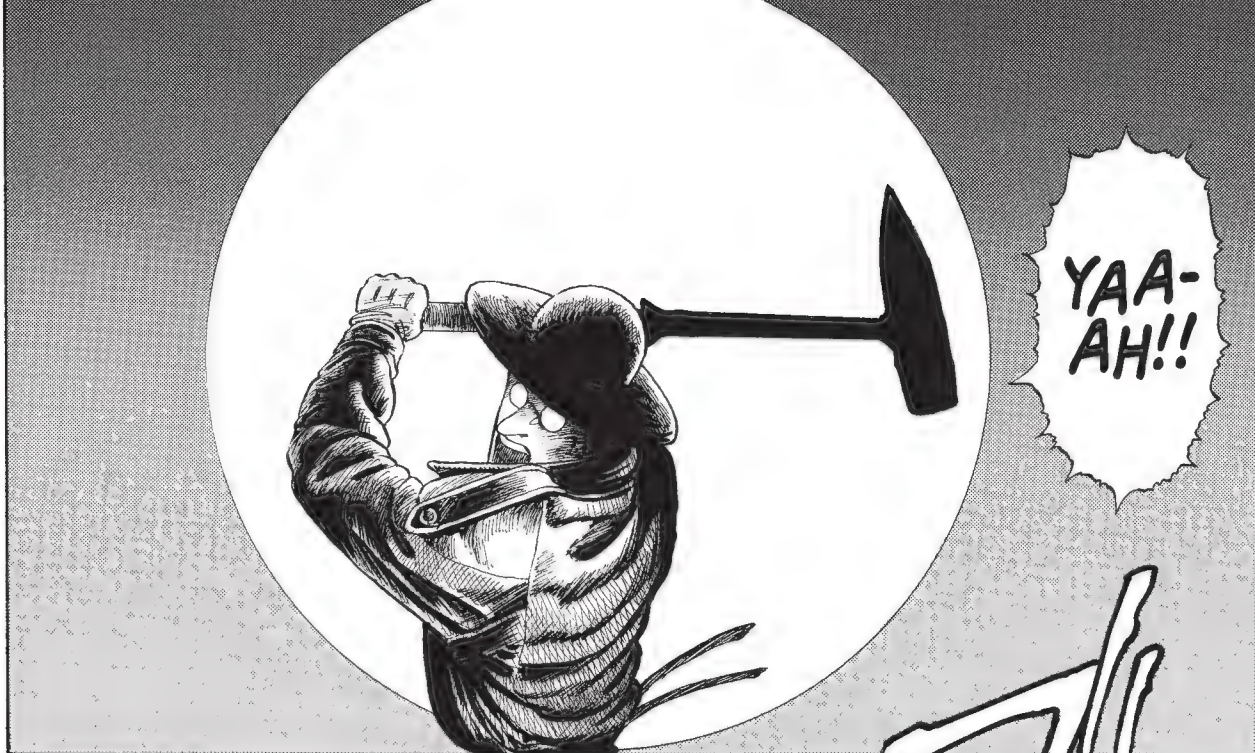




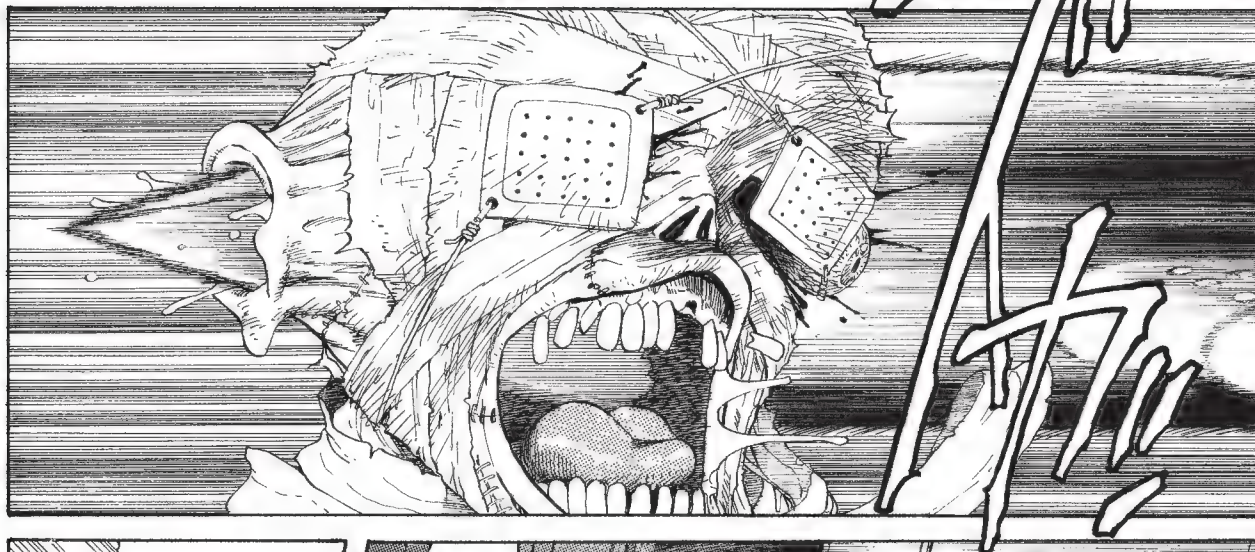


*Iron maiden: A medieval torture device. In this example, he's describing a human-like mannequin made of iron that wraps its arms around the victim and impales him with the many blades attached to its chest.

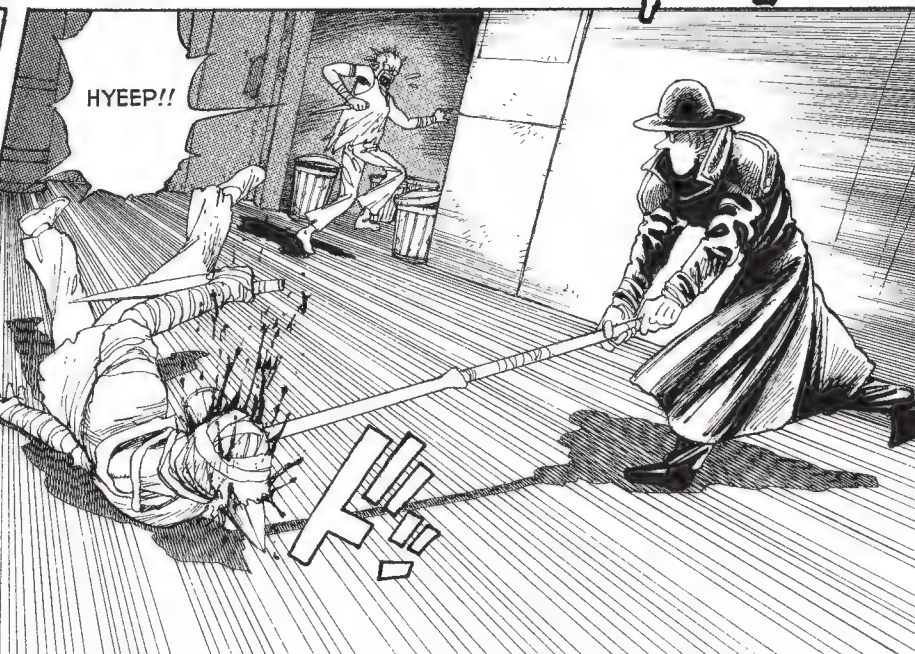




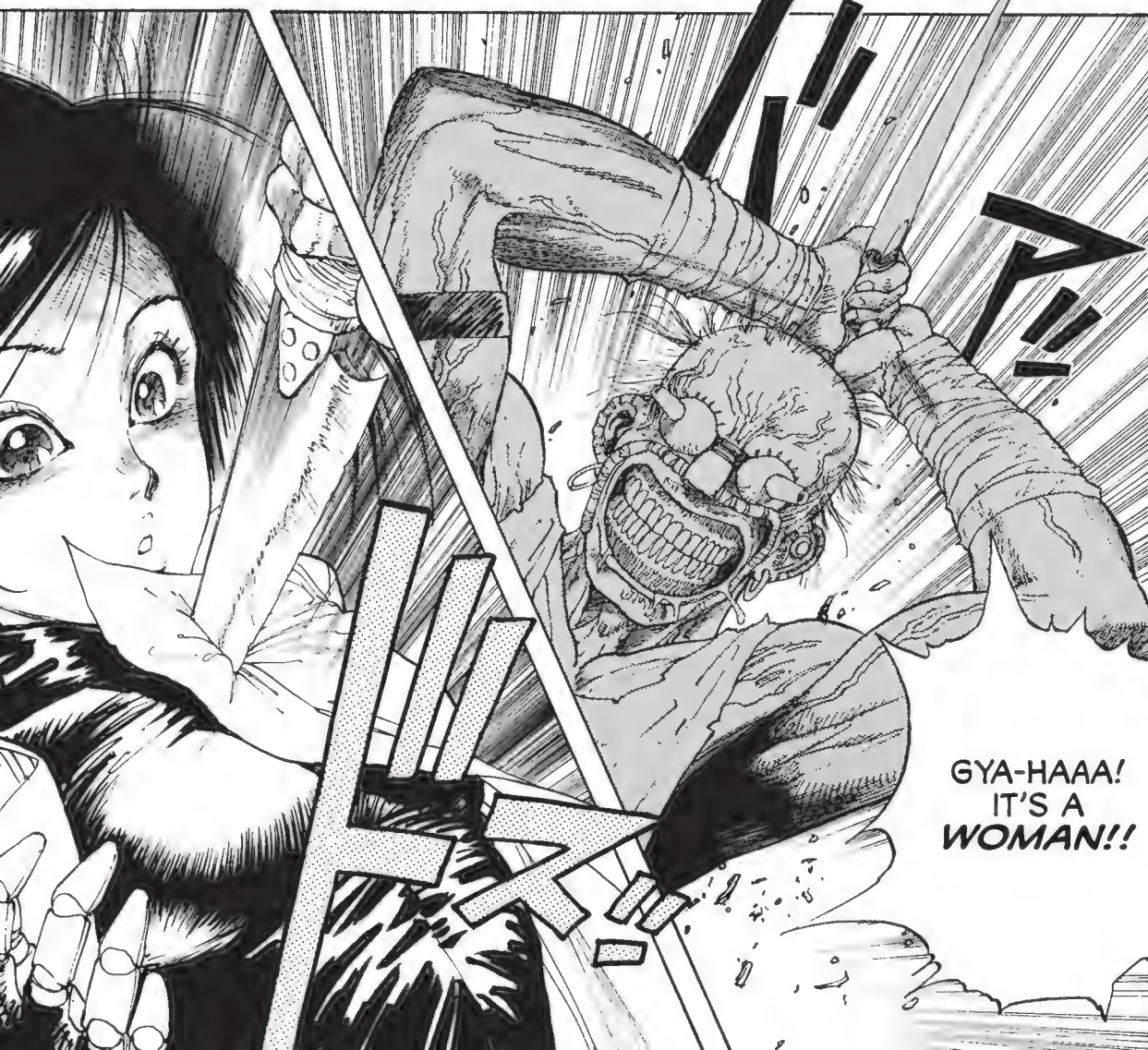
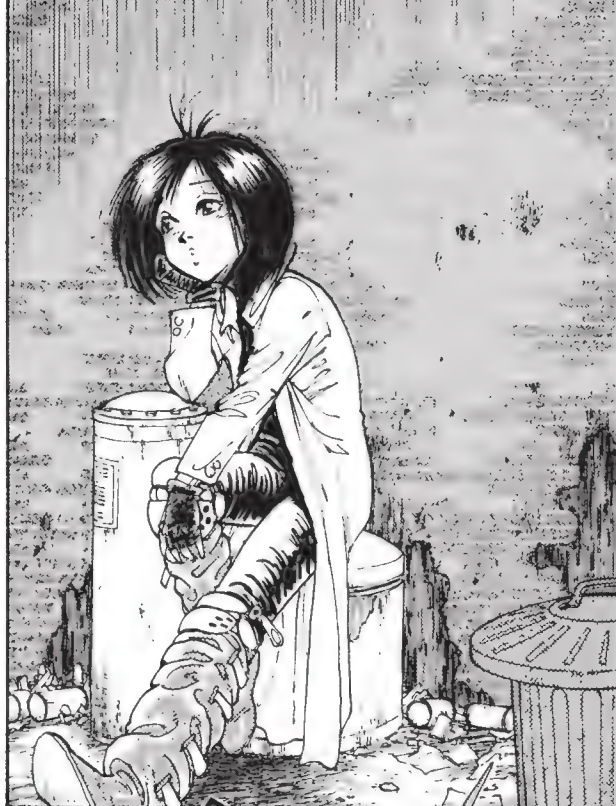
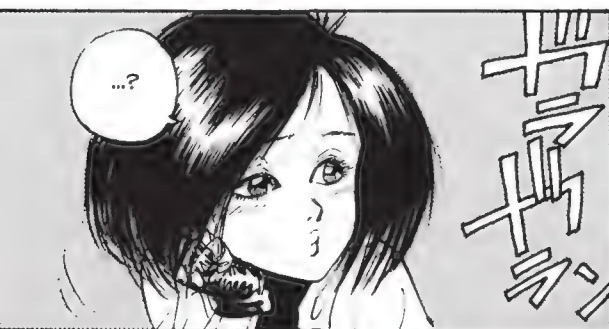
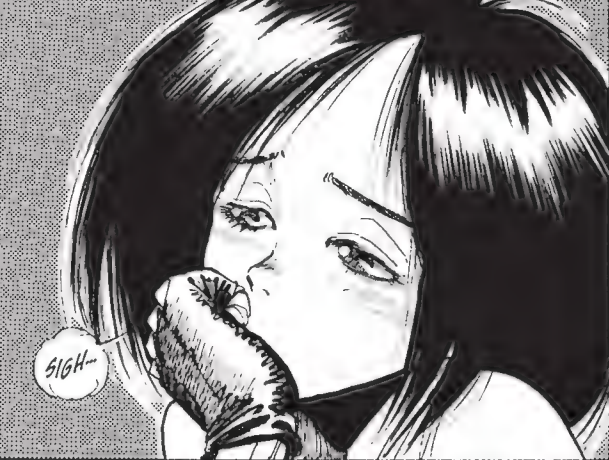
YAA-
AH!!

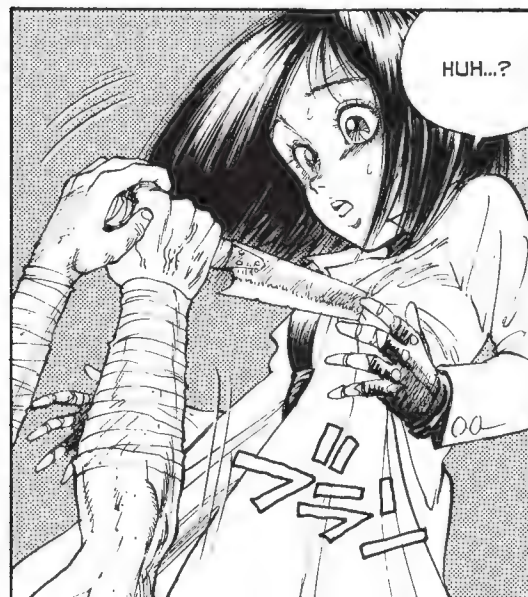


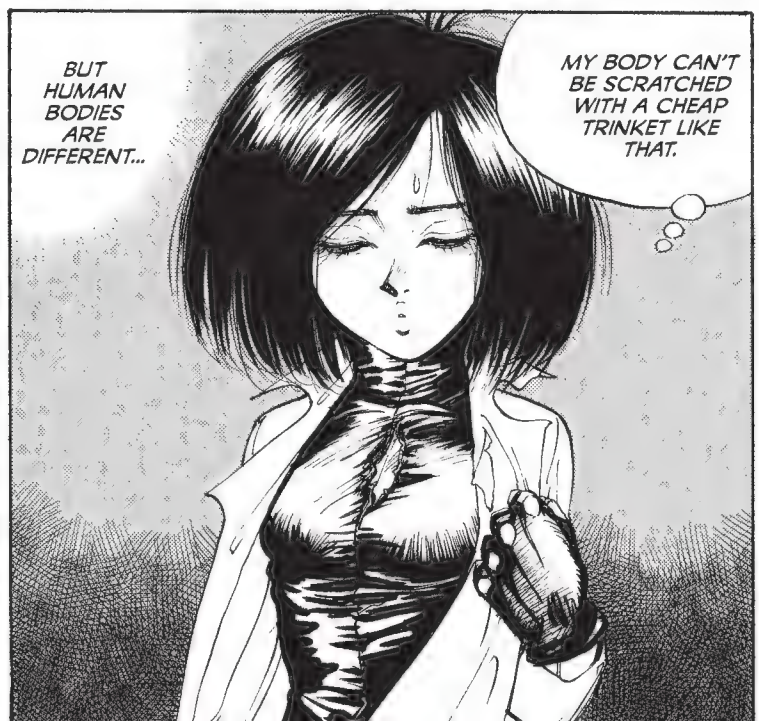
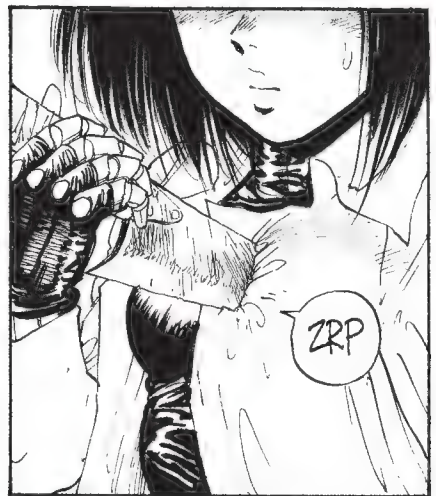
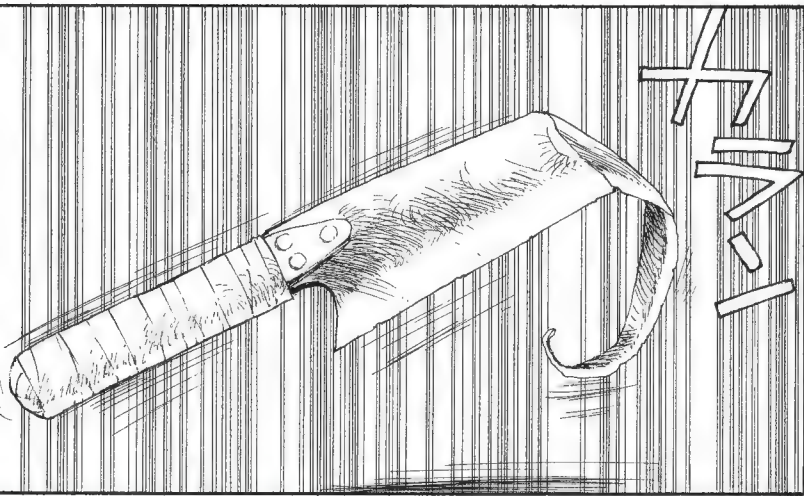
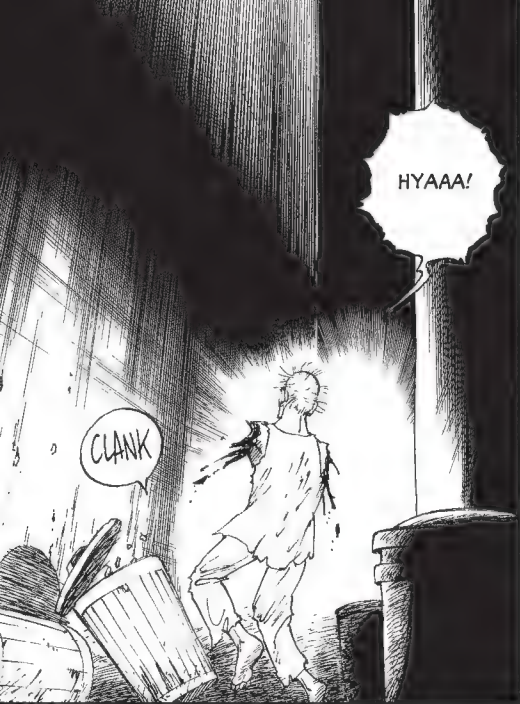
THE OTHER
ONE WENT
THAT WAY,
ALITA!!

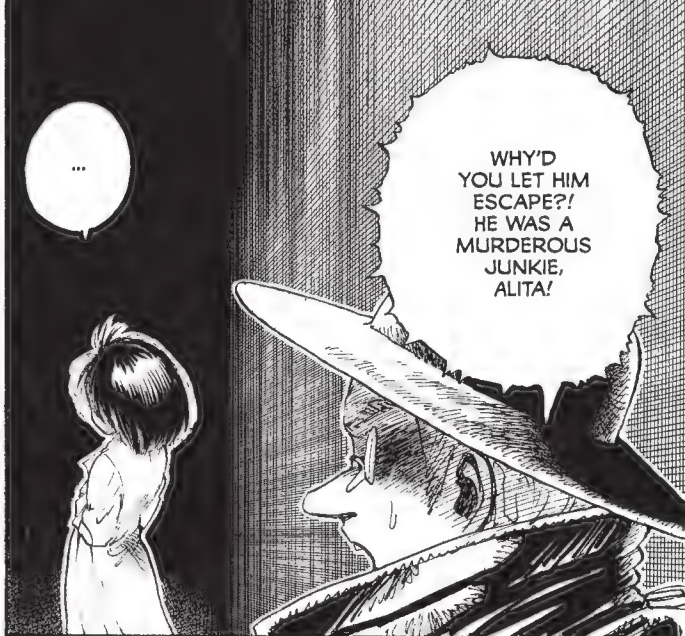


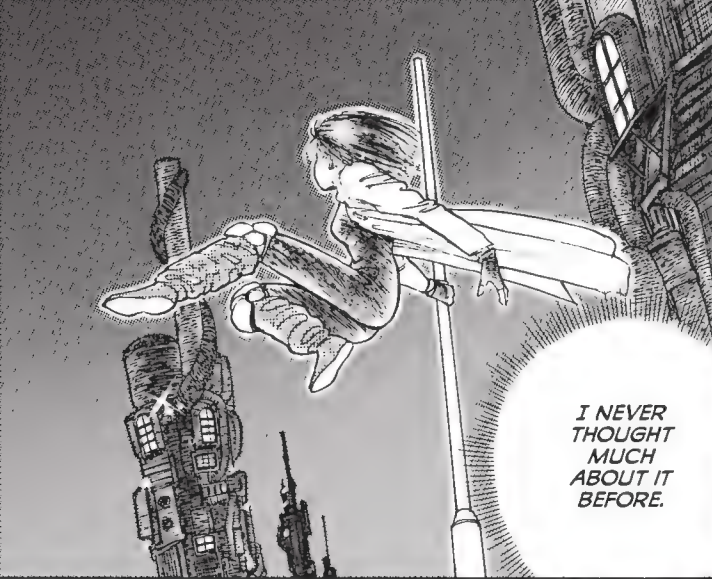
HYEEP!!



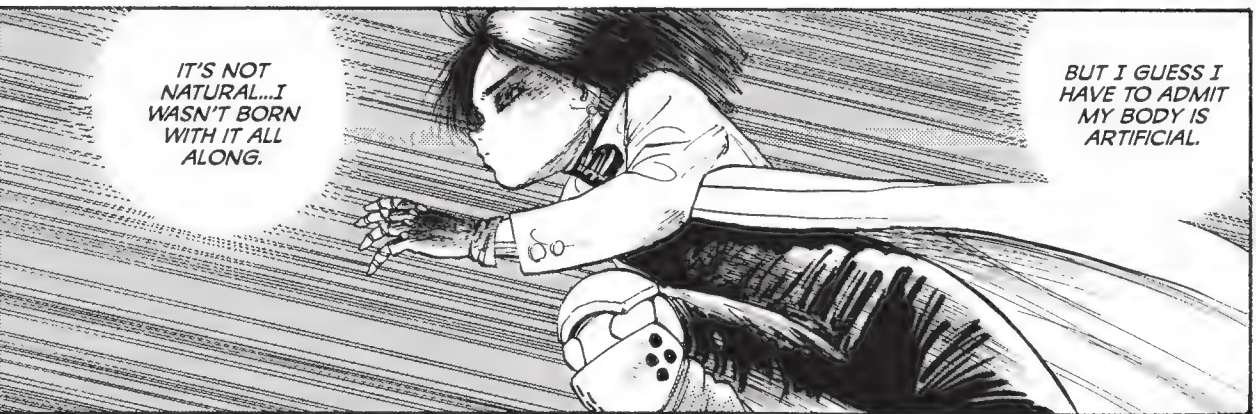
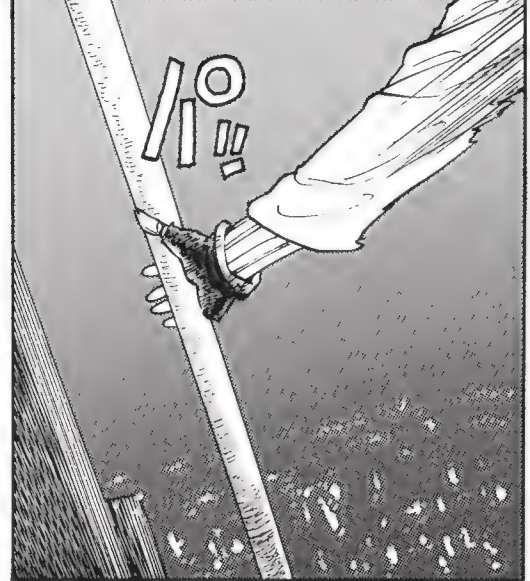








I NEVER
THOUGHT
MUCH
ABOUT IT
BEFORE.



IT'S NOT
NATURAL...I
WASN'T BORN
WITH IT ALL
ALONG.

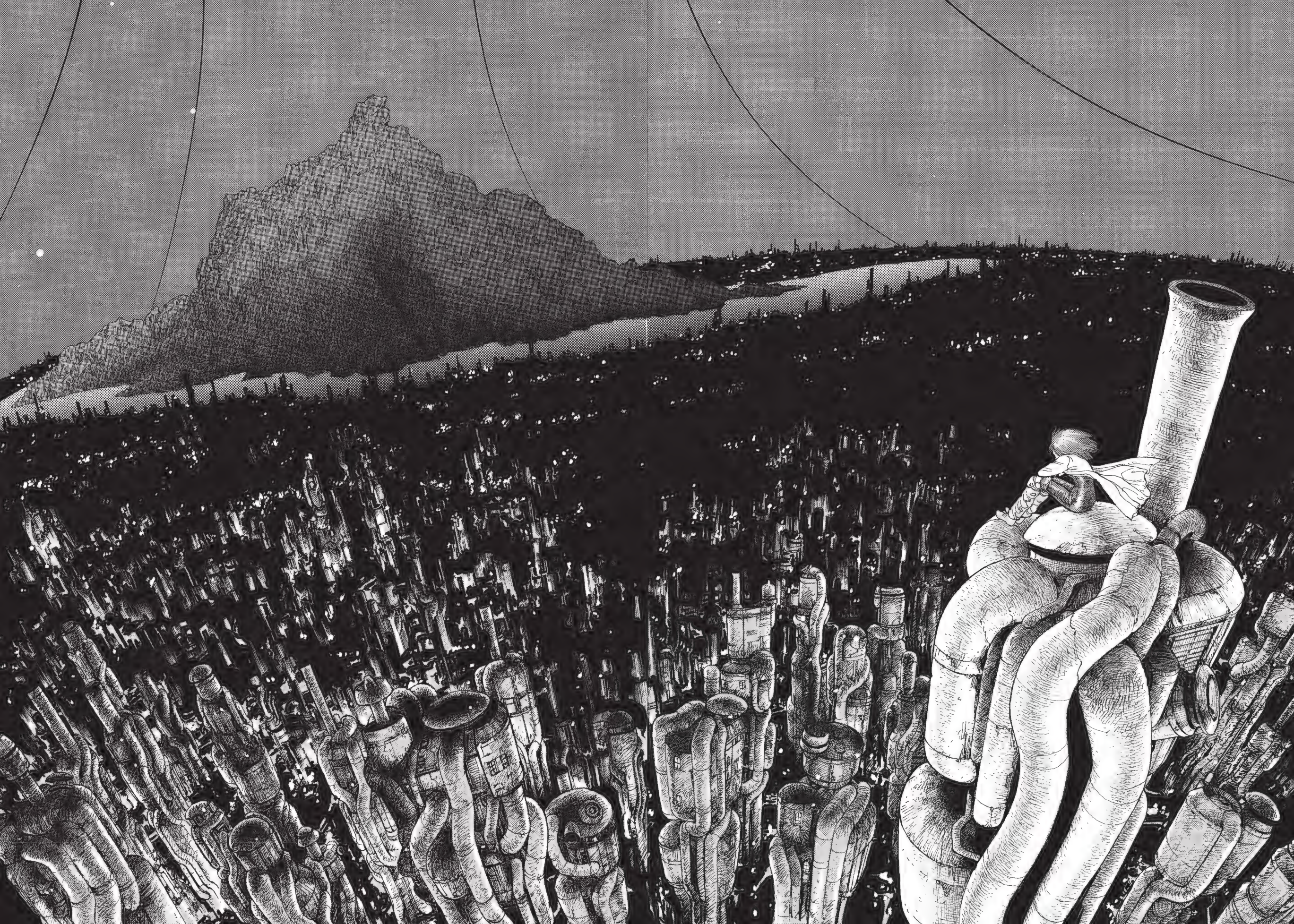
BUT I GUESS I
HAVE TO ADMIT
MY BODY IS
ARTIFICIAL.



...BUT I
WASN'T
BUILT TO
LOVE OTHER
PEOPLE!



I WAS
MADE TO
MOVE FASTER
THAN ANYONE
AND SHOOT
PLASMA...



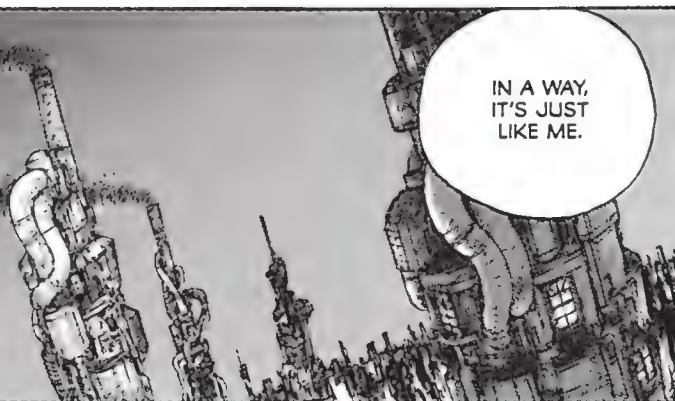


THIS CITY IS
HIDEOUS...



AN ARTIFICIAL
CREATION...WHERE
PEOPLE LIVE IN THE
CRACKS BETWEEN
THE JUNK AND THE
MACHINES.

IN A WAY,
IT'S JUST
LIKE ME.



*I HAVE TO
LIVE WITH THE
MACHINES...*

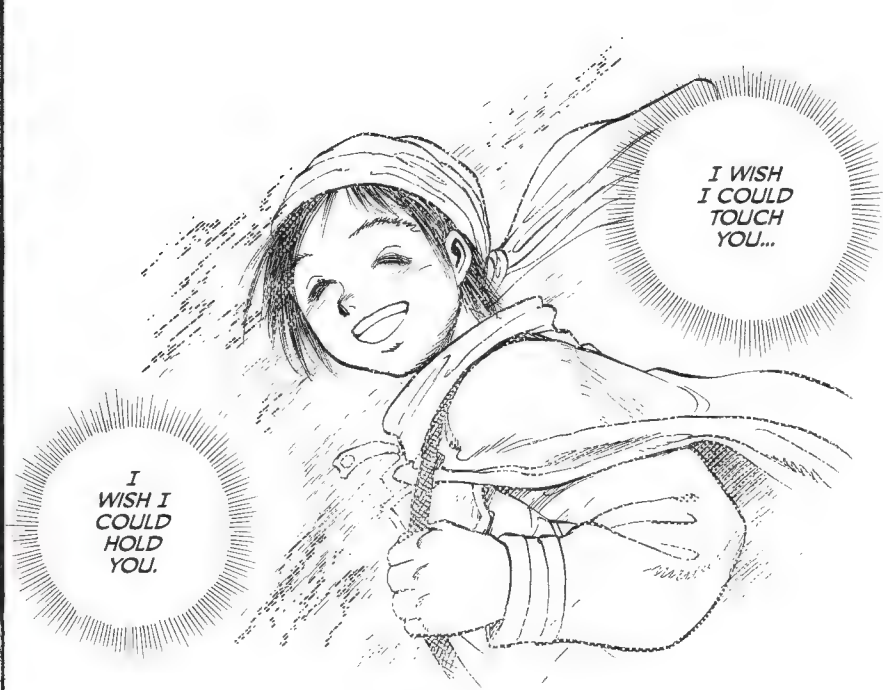


...YUGO...

IT'S ONLY
THANKS
TO THESE
MACHINES
THAT I'M
ALIVE
NOW...

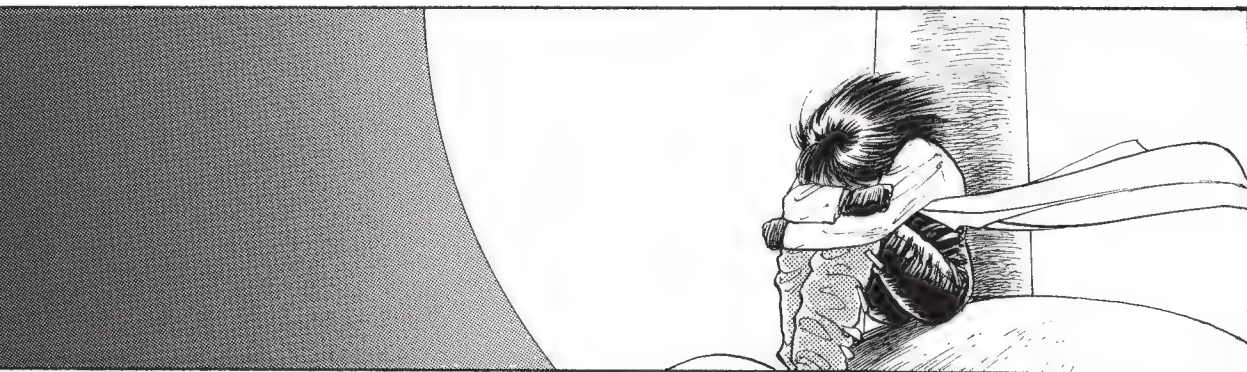
BUT THERE'S
NO GOING
BACK TO THE
WAY IT WAS.



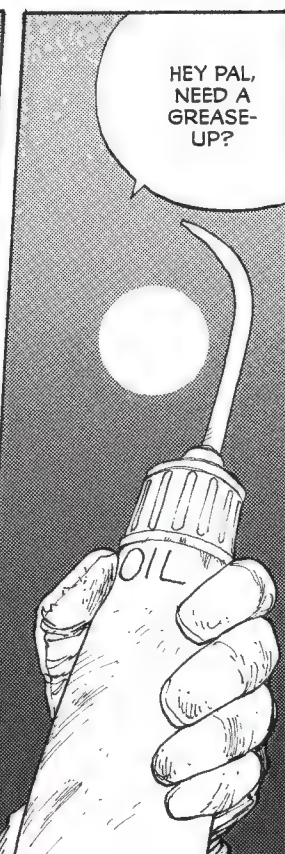


I
WISH I
COULD
HOLD
YOU.

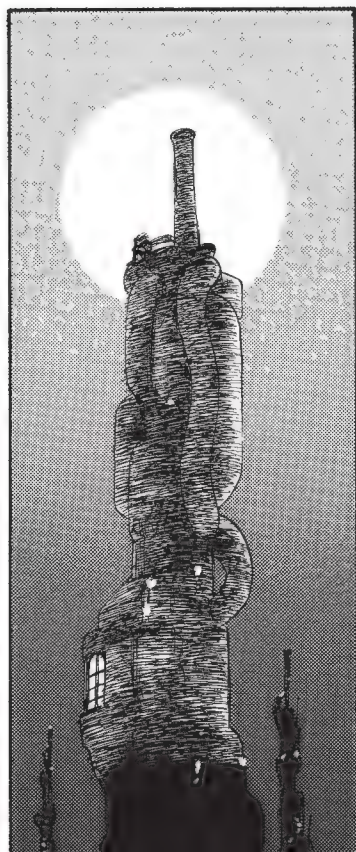
I WISH
I COULD
TOUCH
YOU...

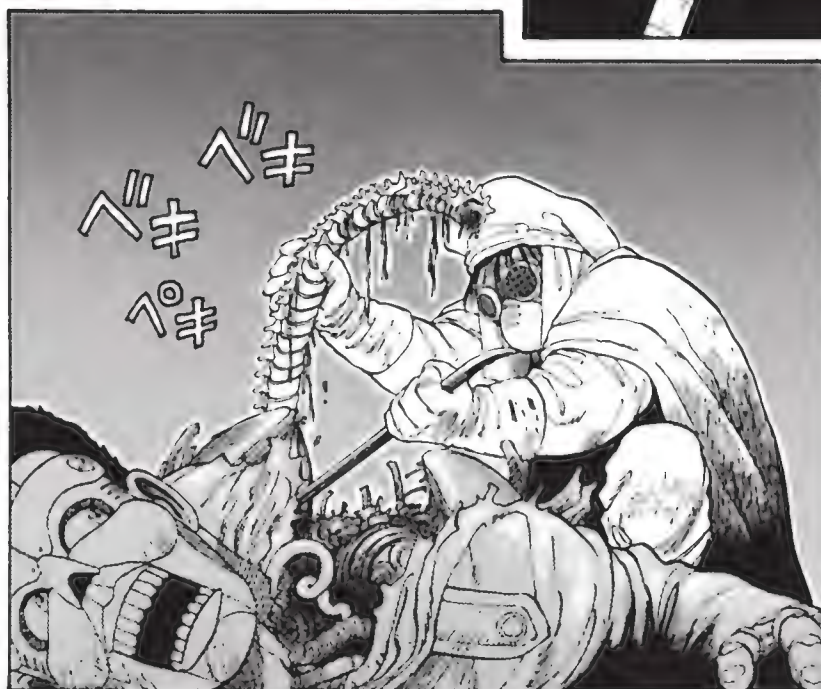


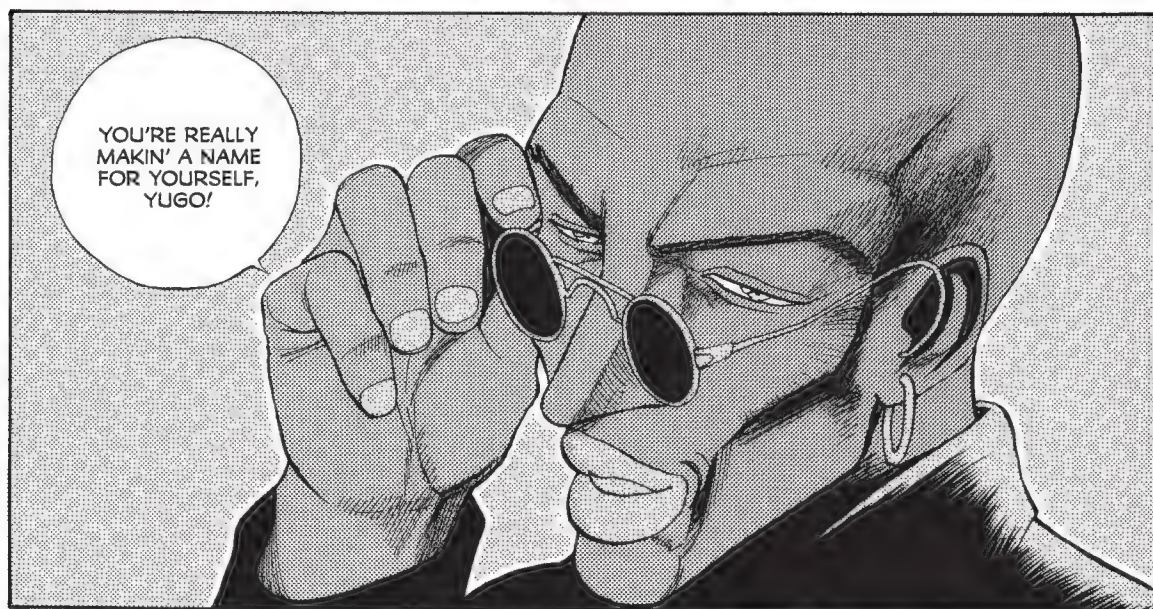
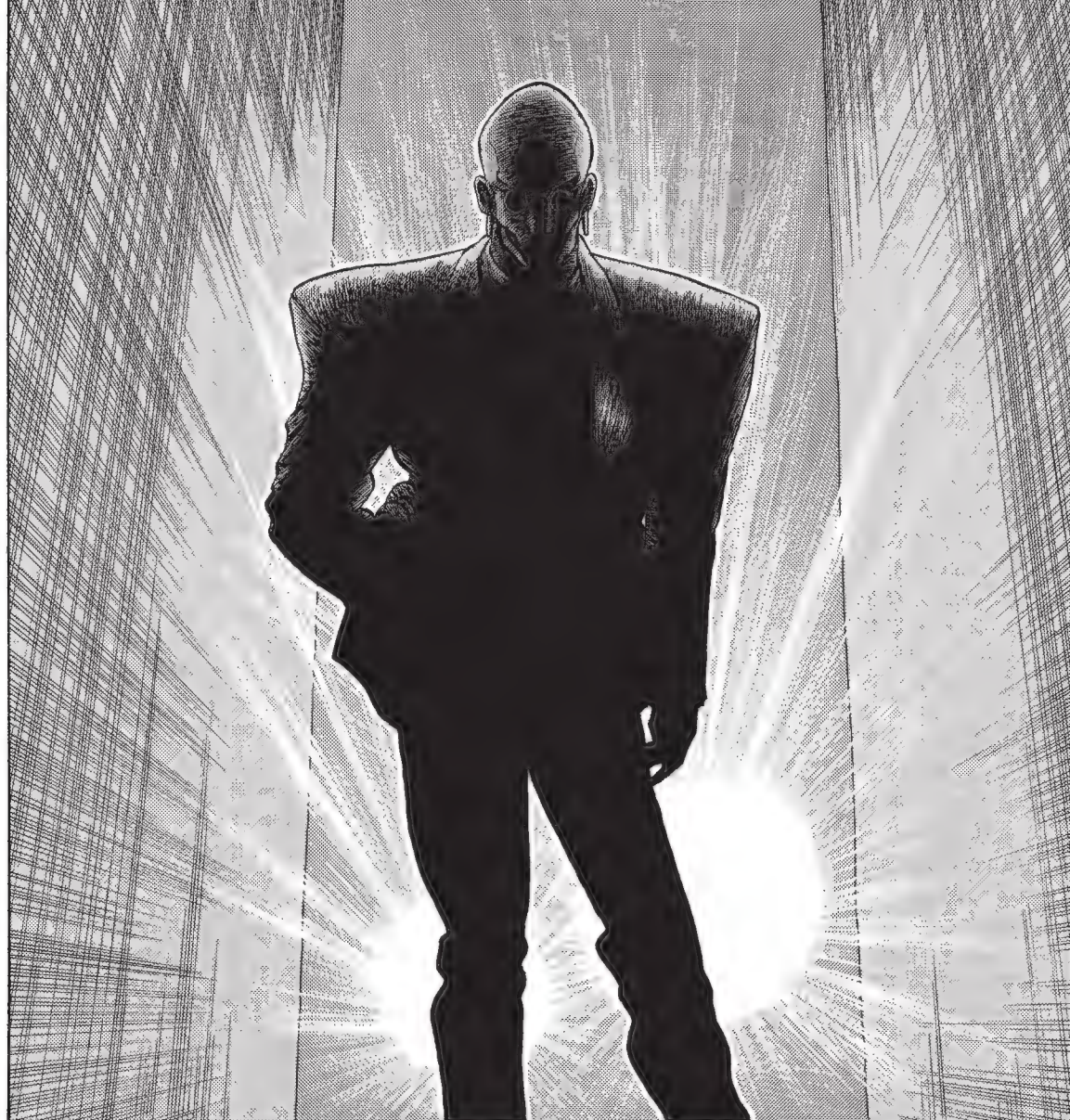
IT'S
HIGH-
QUALITY
SILICON
OIL WITH
TEFLON.

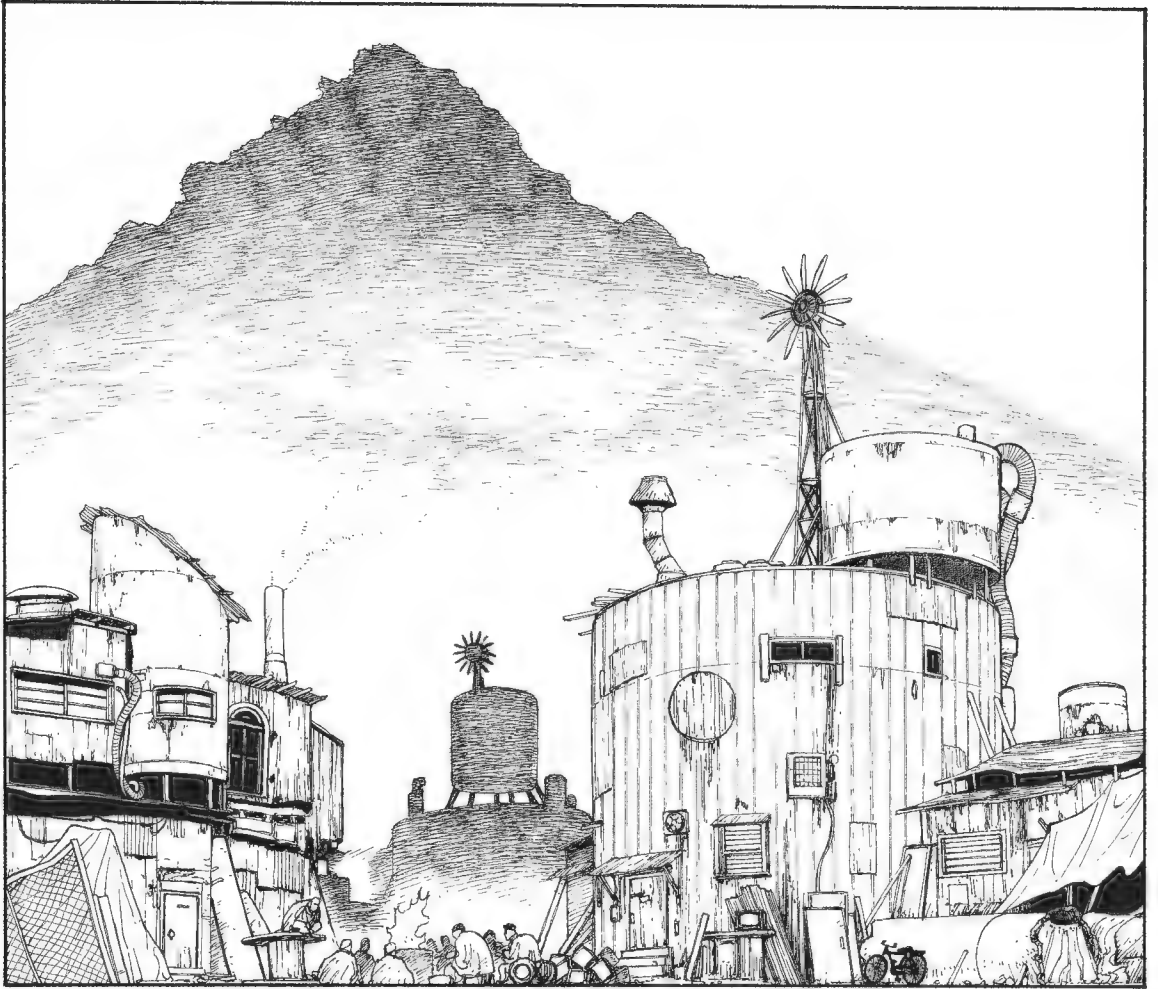


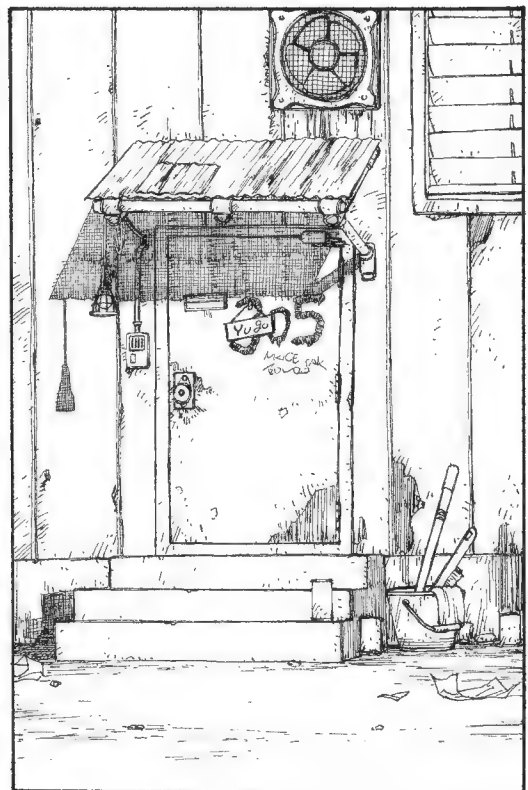
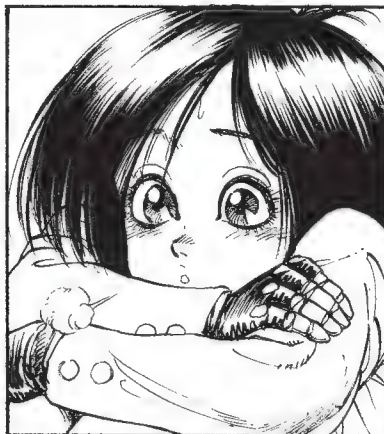
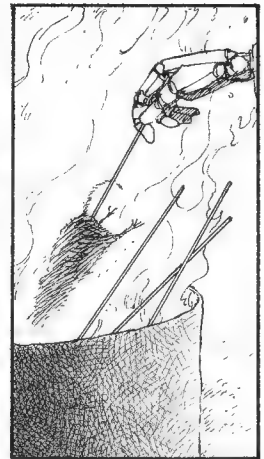
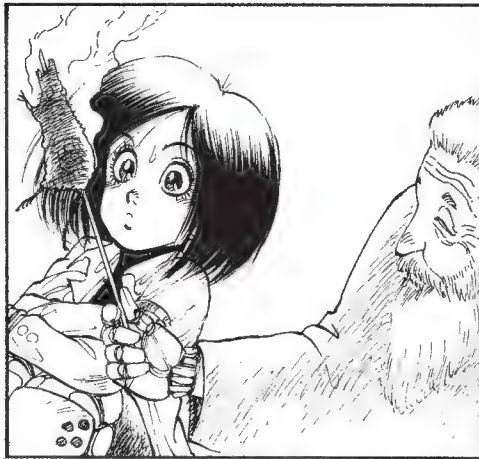
HEY PAL,
NEED A
GREASE-
UP?

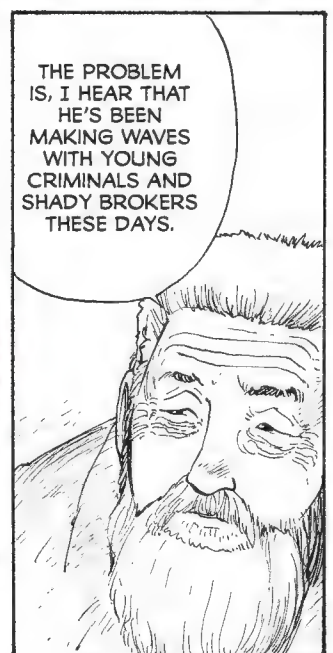
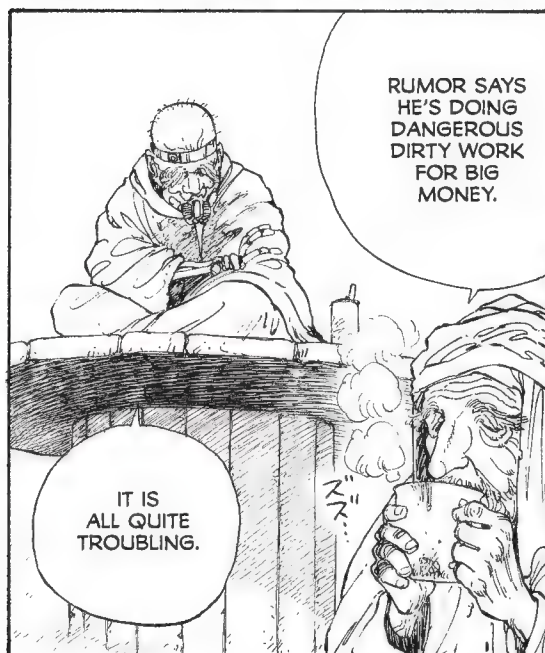
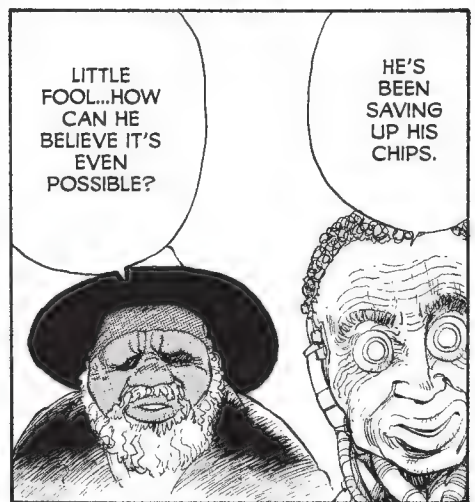
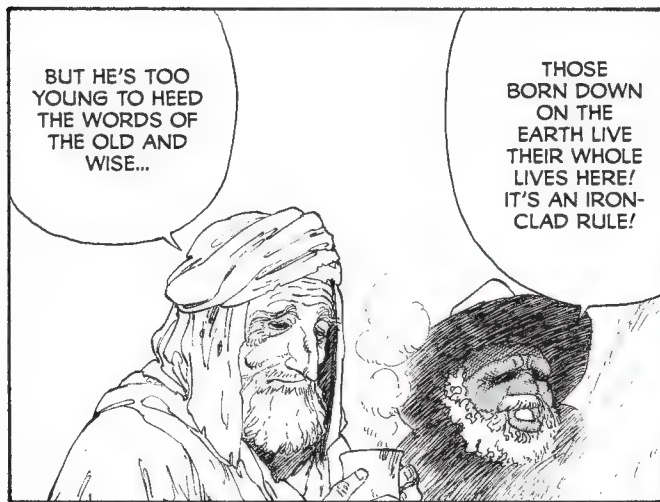


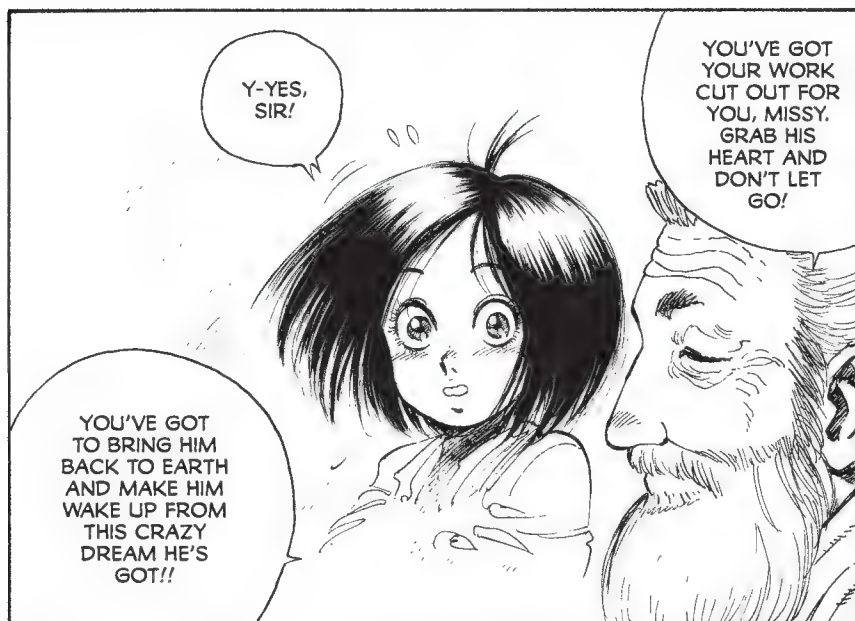






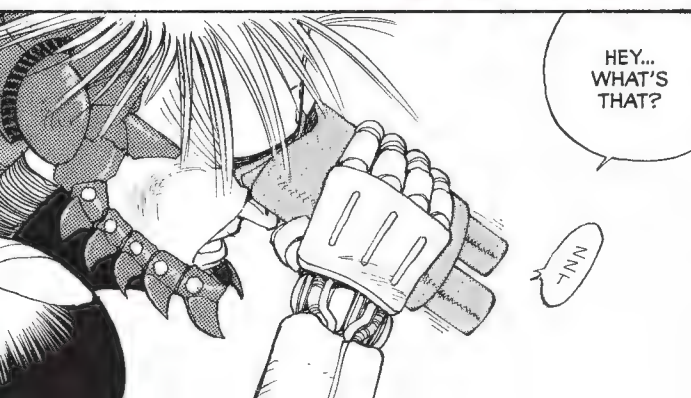
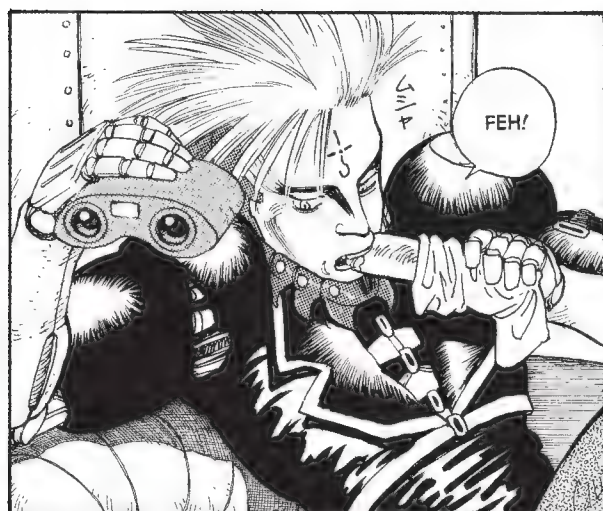
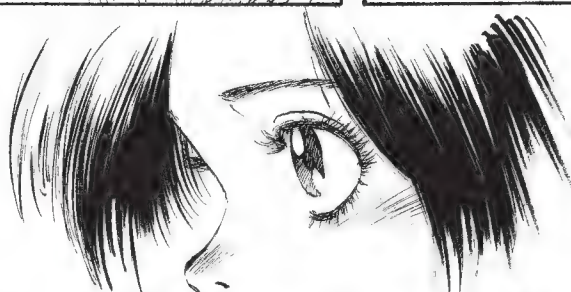






IS IT REALLY
THAT CRAZY...?

CRAZY
DREAM...

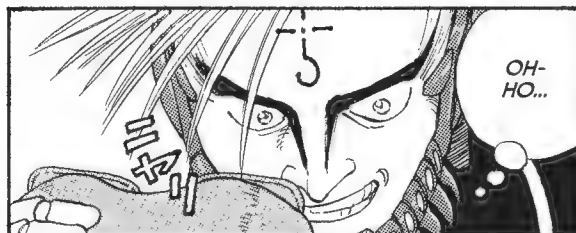




THAT
LOOKS
LIKE...
VECTOR!



HE'S THE
BOSS OF THE
UNDERWORLD
DEALERS, THE
GUY WHO
CONTROLS THE
SCRAPYARD'S
MARKET!



OH-
HO...



WHUT...
WHUDDA
YOU DOIN'
HERE...?



MMM
...

YUGO!



H-HE GAVE
YOU THAT
MUCH
ALCOHOL
?!



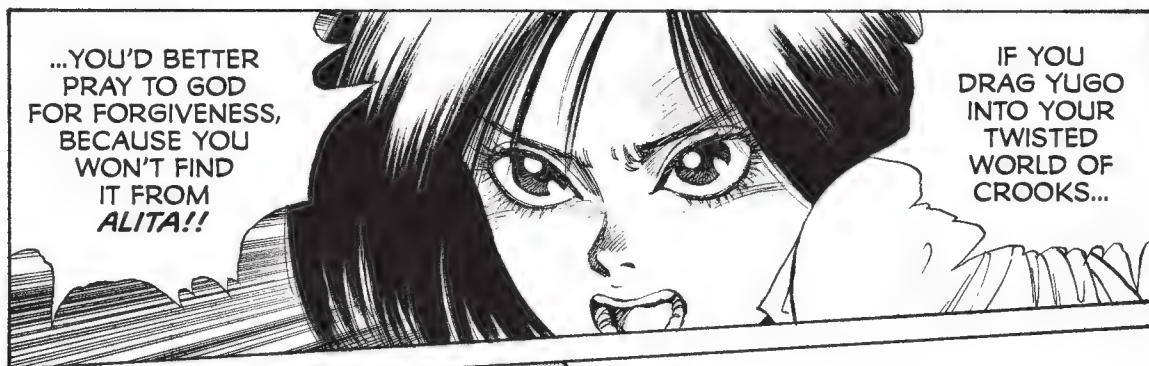
SO LONG.
I'M LOOKING
FORWARD
TO YOUR
ANSWER.

URG!



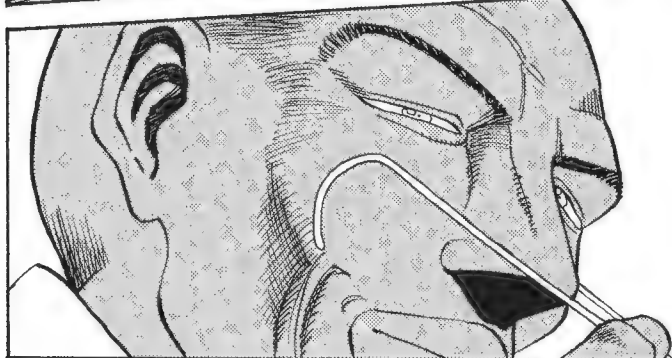
HEY,
MISTER!!

N-NO...
DON'T!



...YOU'D BETTER
PRAY TO GOD
FOR FORGIVENESS,
BECAUSE YOU
WON'T FIND
IT FROM
ALITA!!

IF YOU
DRAG YUGO
INTO YOUR
TWISTED
WORLD OF
CROOKS...

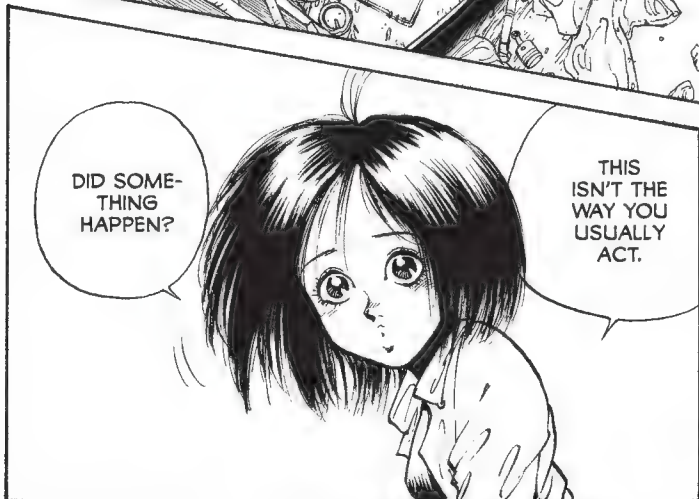




HERE'S
SOME
WATER...

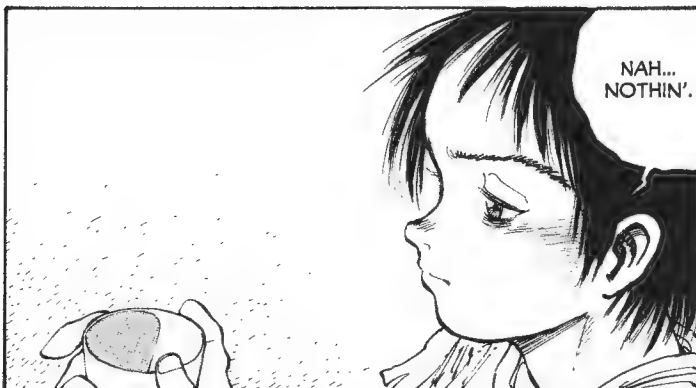
UHH, MY
HEAD'S
KILLING
ME.

AND
THAT'S
WHAT
YOU
GET FOR
DRINK-
ING!



DID SOME-
THING
HAPPEN?

THIS
ISN'T THE
WAY YOU
USUALLY
ACT.

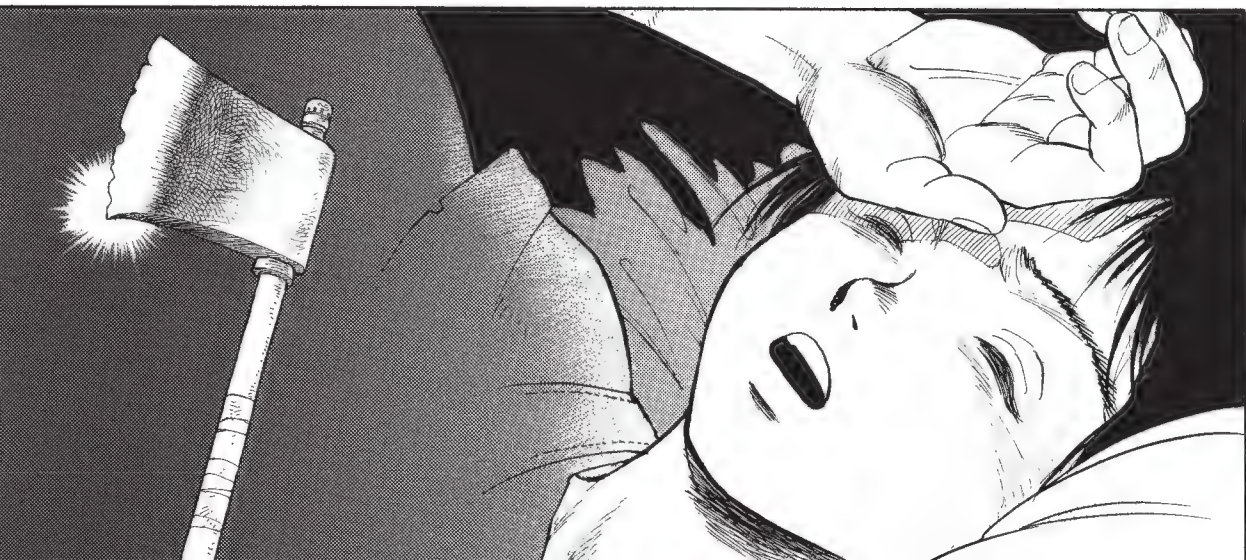
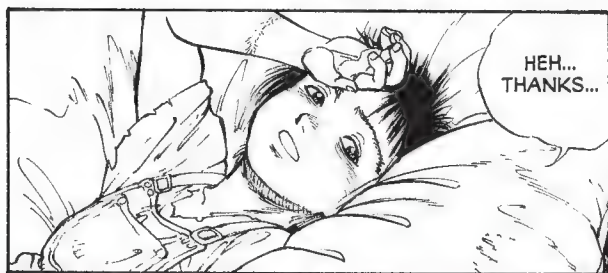


NAH...
NOTHIN'.

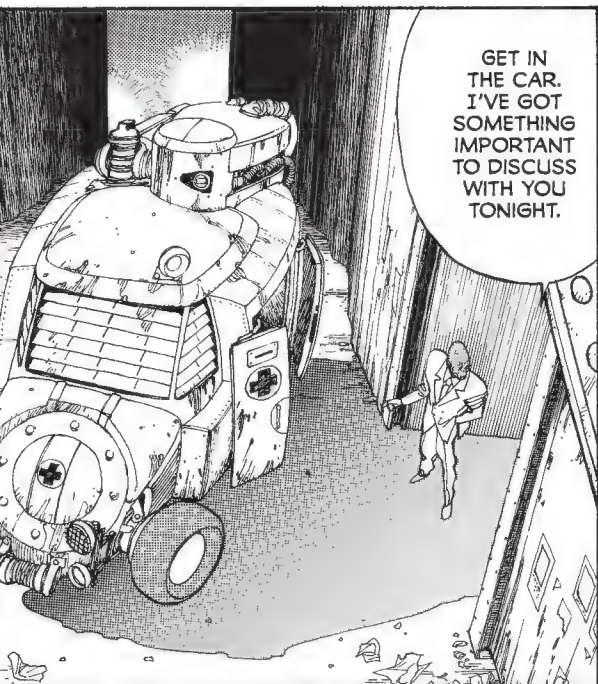


HAH! I'M
NOT A KID
ANYMORE.

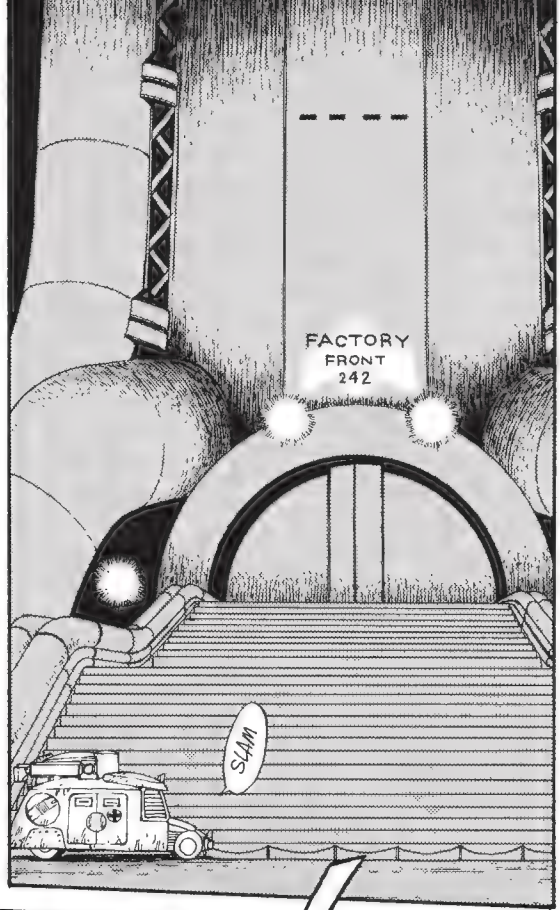
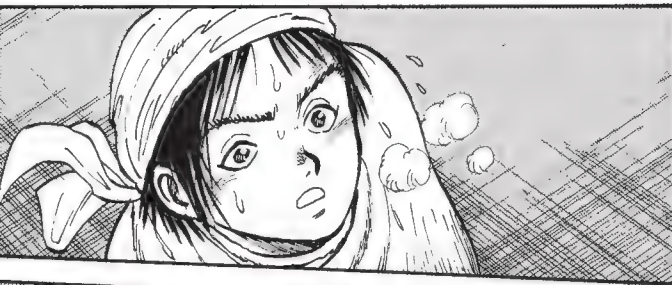
I CAN BE
ALLOWED TO
HAVE A DRINK
OR TWO.

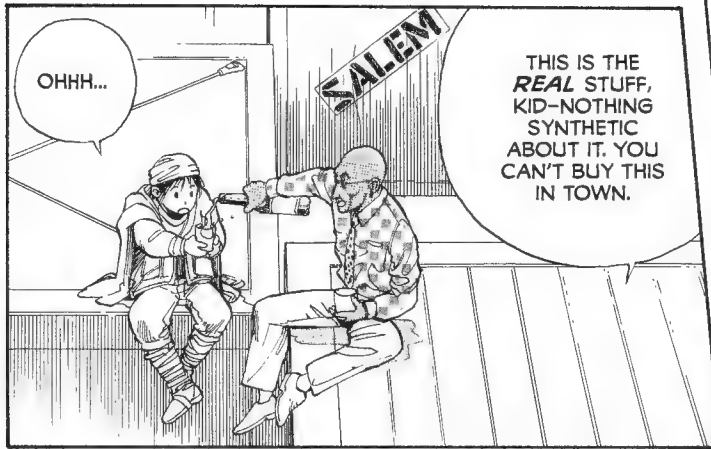












OHHH...

THIS IS THE **REAL** STUFF, KID—NOTHING SYNTHETIC ABOUT IT. YOU CAN'T BUY THIS IN TOWN.



HAVE A DRINK WITH ME, YUGO.



BUT IT'S NOT JUST BOOZE! I'VE GOT EVERYTHING HERE.



BWA HA HA! HOW D'YOU LIKE **THAT**? IT TASTES LIKE ZALEM!

GAK! KOFF!

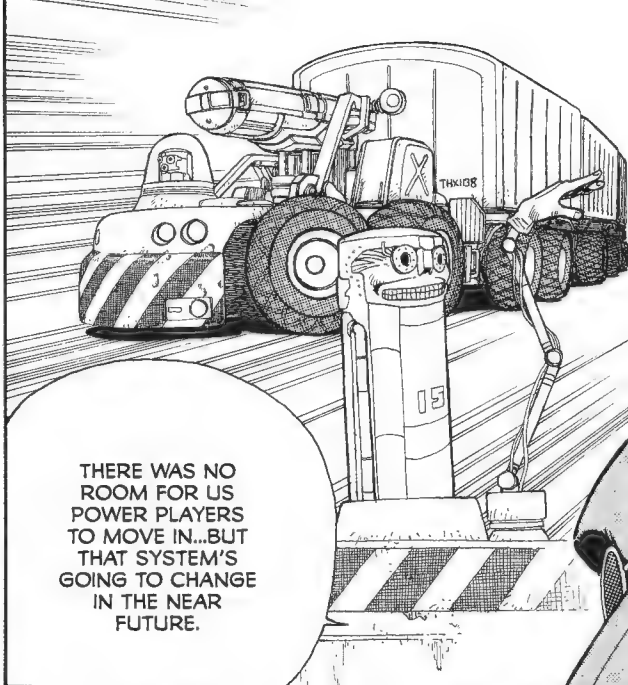


ALL THE FOODSTUFF HARVESTED FROM THE OUTER FACTORIES' FARMS GETS PROCESSED AND REFINED HERE IN THE SCRAPYARD...

...THEN TRAVELS UP THE TUBES TO ZALEM. THE ONLY STUFF THAT STAYS HERE IN THIS DUMP IS THE LEFT-OVER SCRAPS AND GARBAGE.



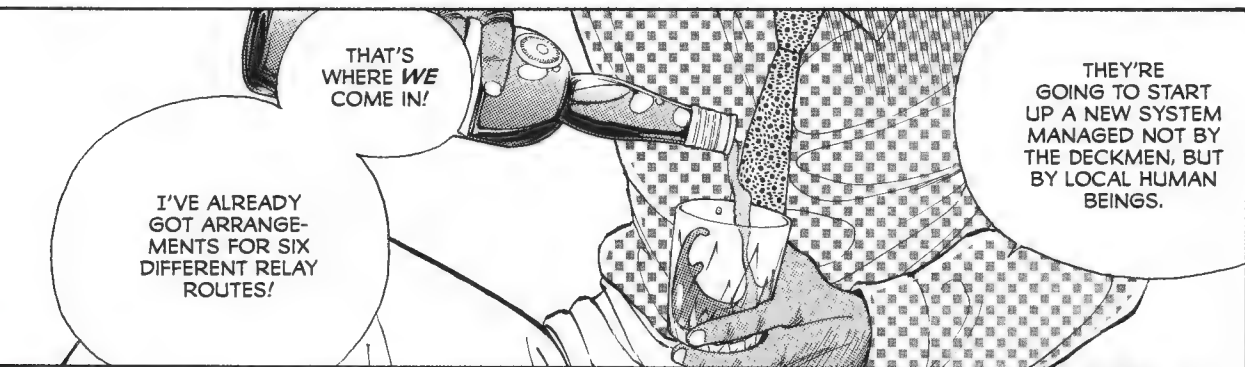
OH.



THERE WAS NO ROOM FOR US POWER PLAYERS TO MOVE IN...BUT THAT SYSTEM'S GOING TO CHANGE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.



PRIOR TO THIS POINT, THE DECKMEN-ZALEM'S ROBOT SERVANTS- HANDLED ALL OF THE STOCKING AND SHIPPING PROCESS.



THAT'S WHERE *WE* COME IN!

I'VE ALREADY GOT ARRANGEMENTS FOR SIX DIFFERENT RELAY ROUTES!

THEY'RE GOING TO START UP A NEW SYSTEM MANAGED NOT BY THE DECKMEN, BUT BY LOCAL HUMAN BEINGS.

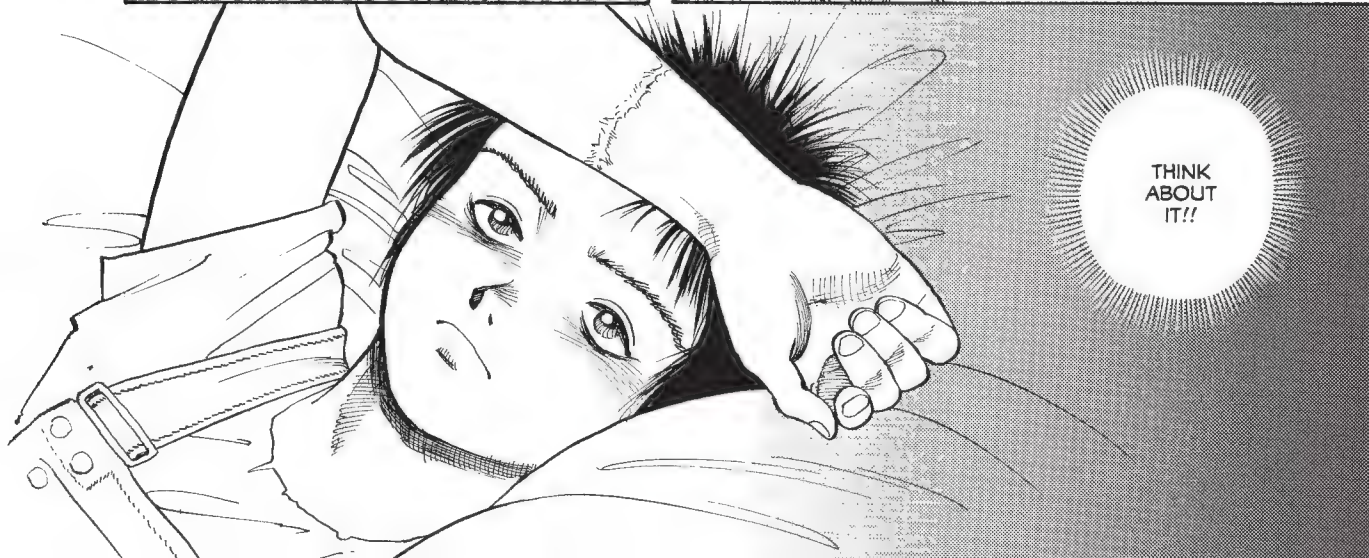
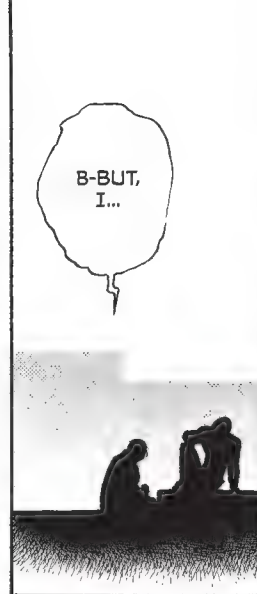


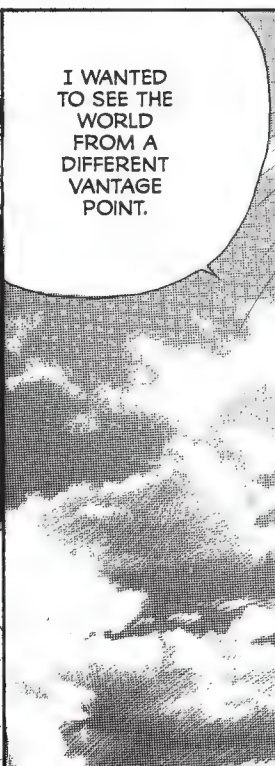
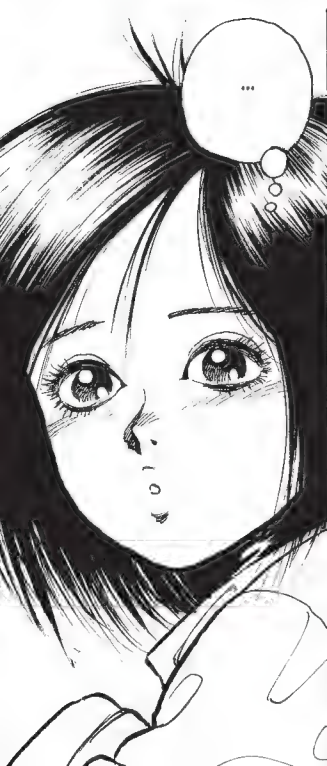
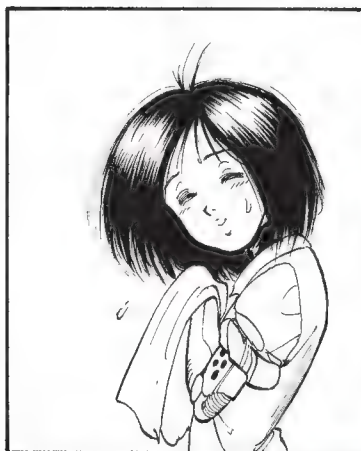
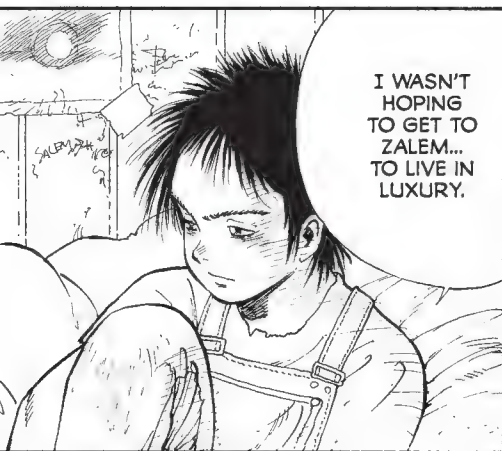
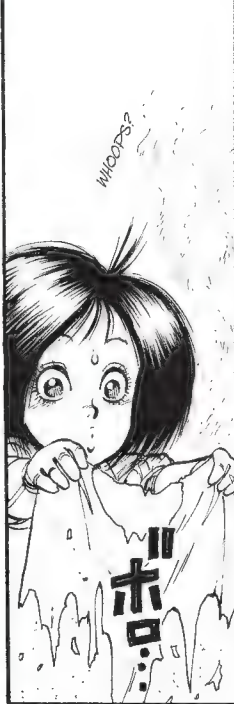
...I WANT YOU TO MANAGE ONE OF THOSE VERY RELAYS!

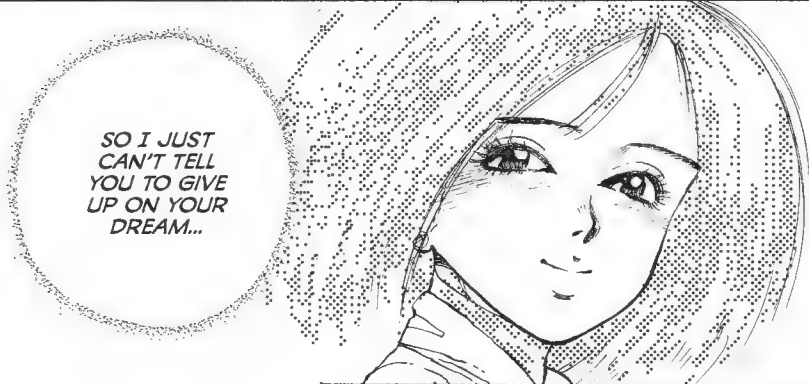
I'M GLAD YOU ASKED, YUGO! THE TRUTH IS...



SO...WHAT DIDJA NEED TO TALK TO *ME* ABOUT?







SO I JUST
CAN'T TELL
YOU TO GIVE
UP ON YOUR
DREAM...

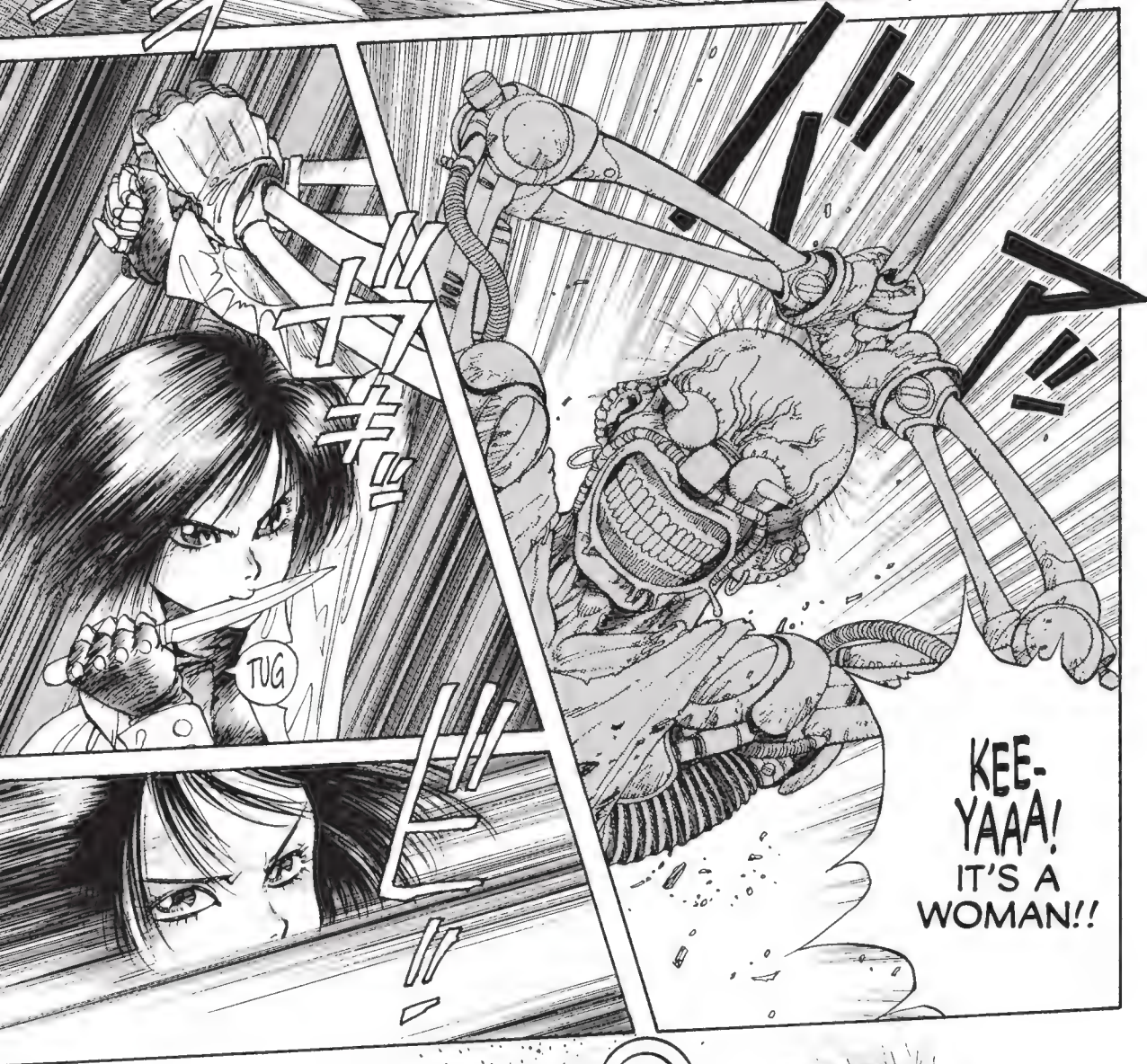
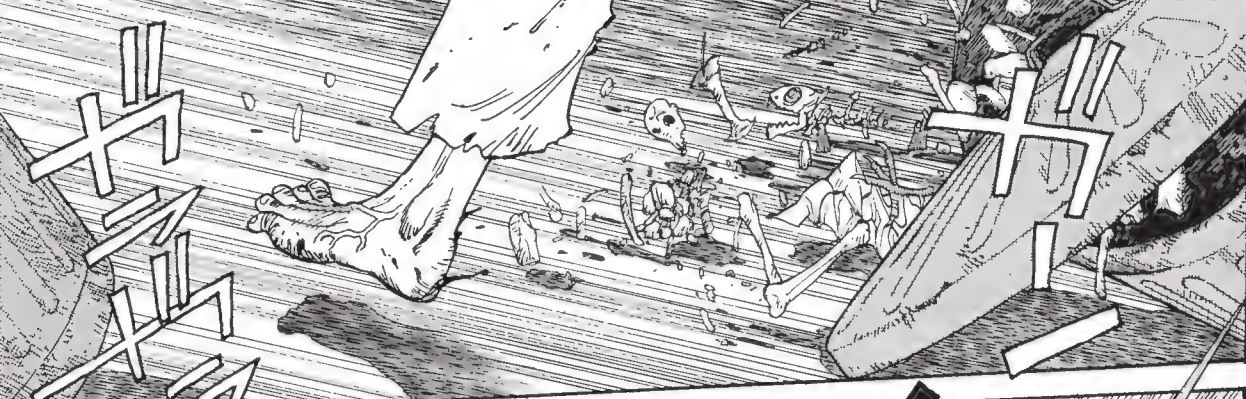
I LOVE THE
WAY YOU
LOOK UP AT
THE SKY...

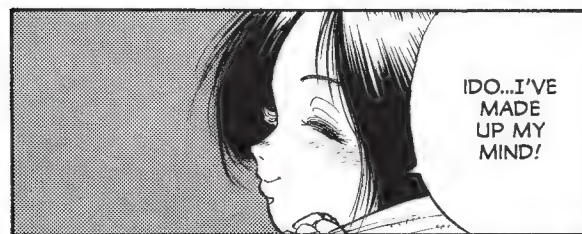
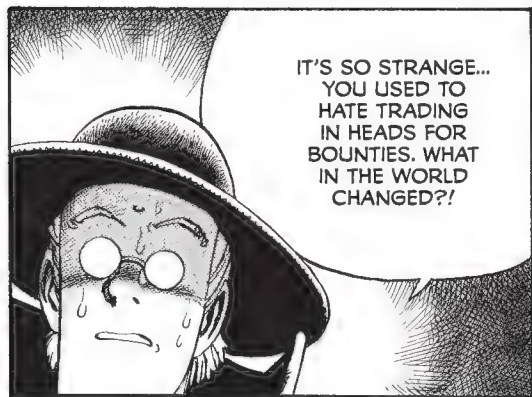
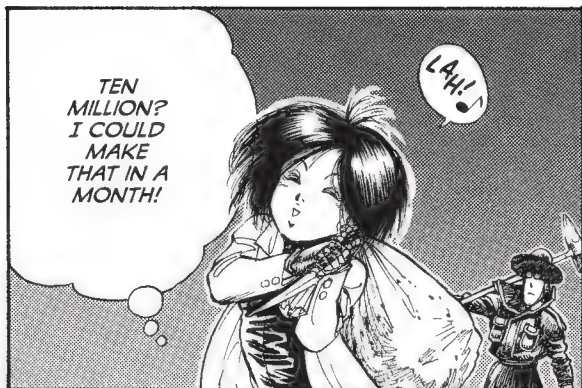
...EVEN IF IT'S
JUST FUSS-
ING OVER
YOU FOR
NOW...

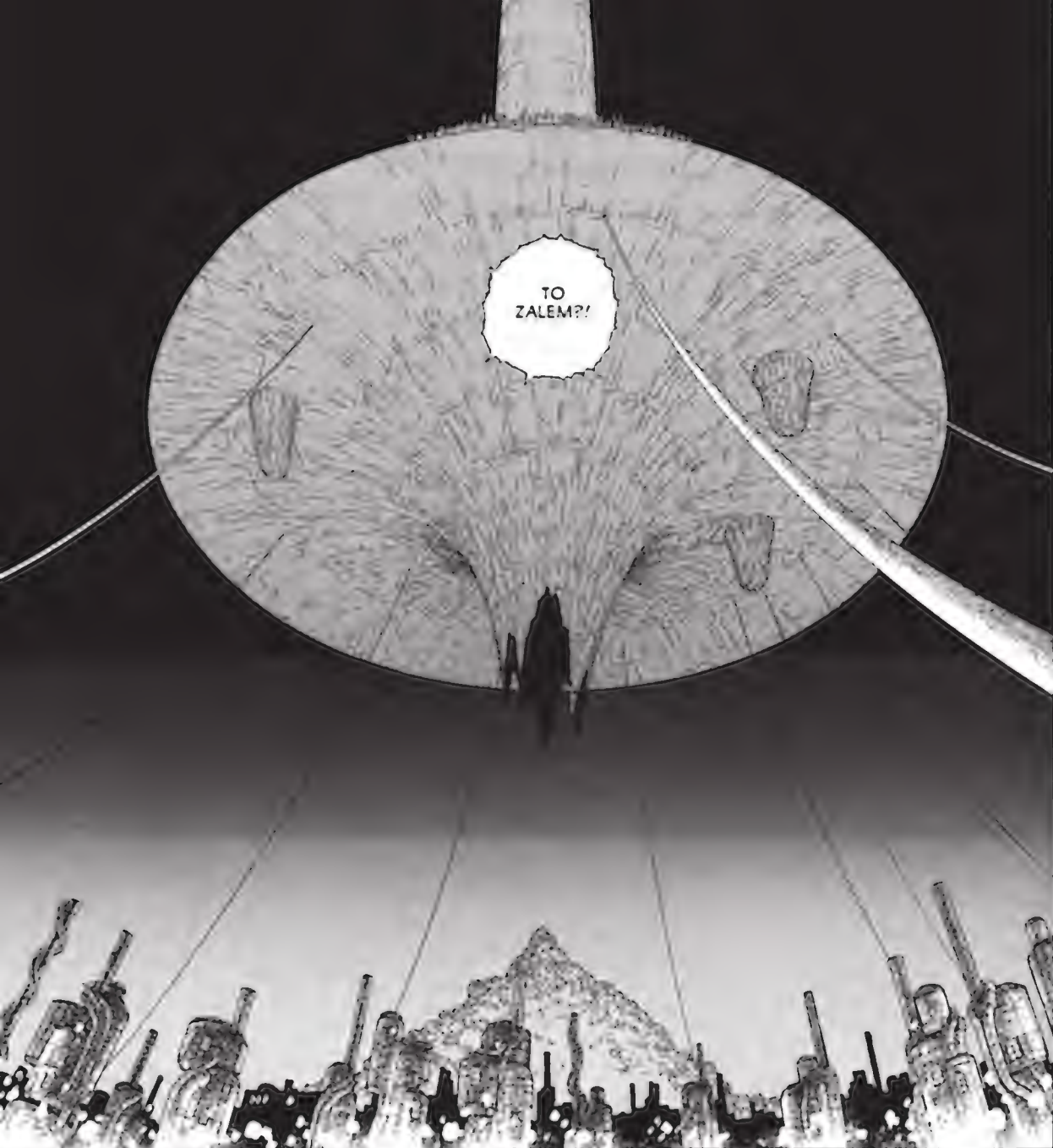
...THAT I CAN
BE BY YOUR
SIDE...

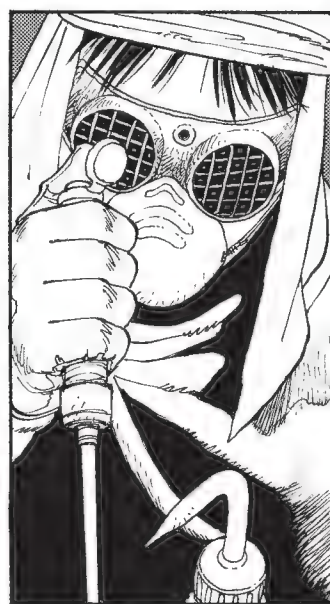
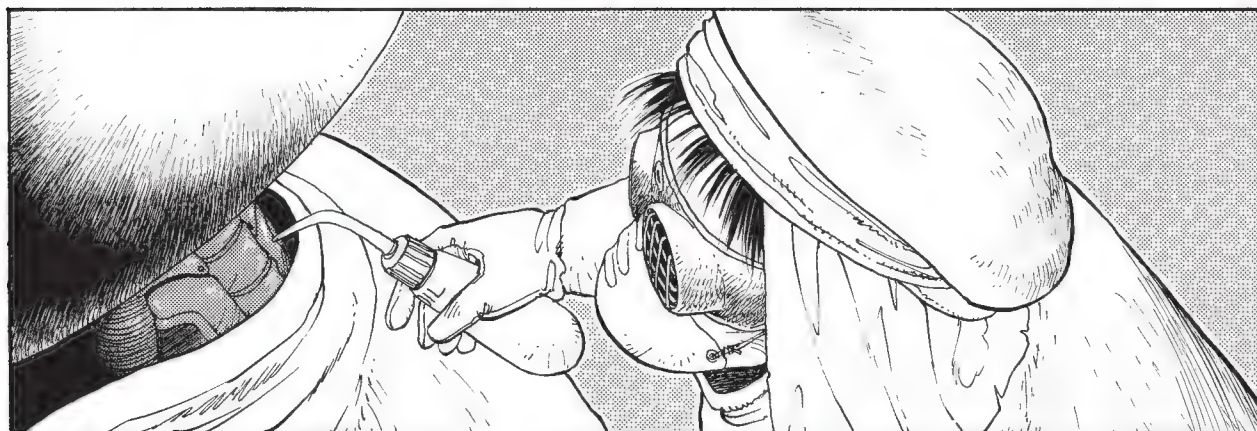
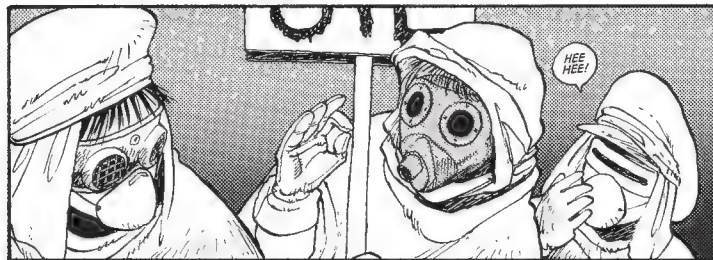
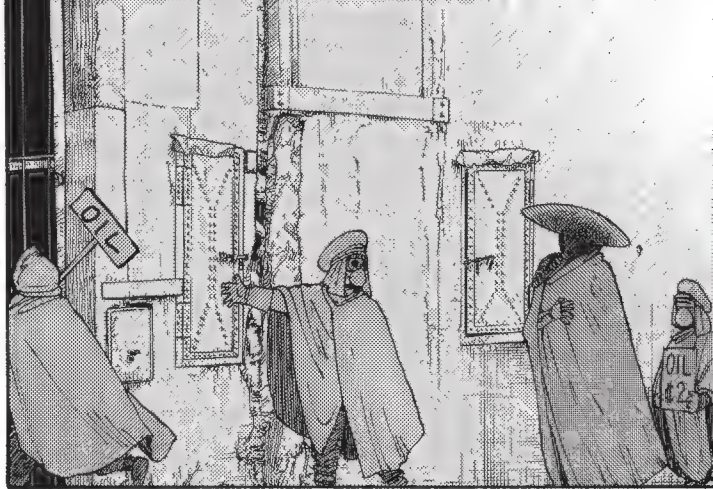
BUT AT
LEAST I
HOPE...

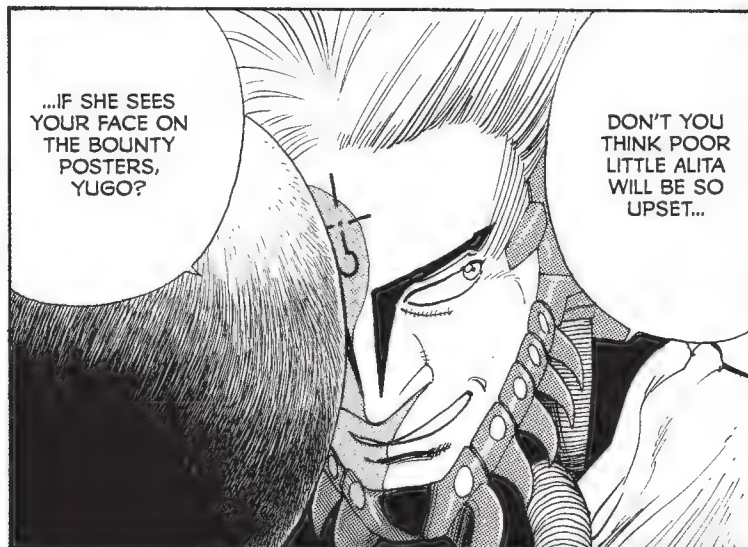
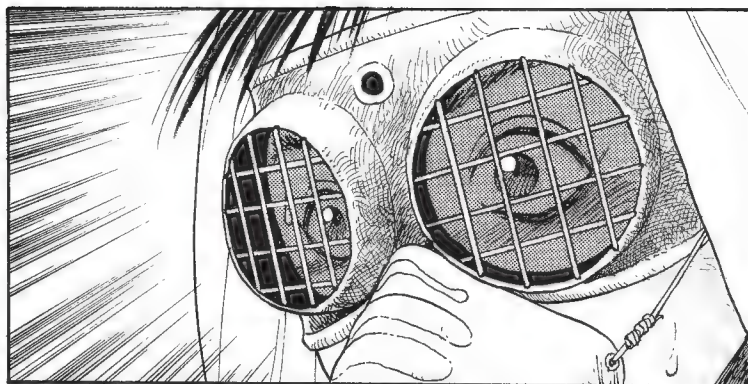


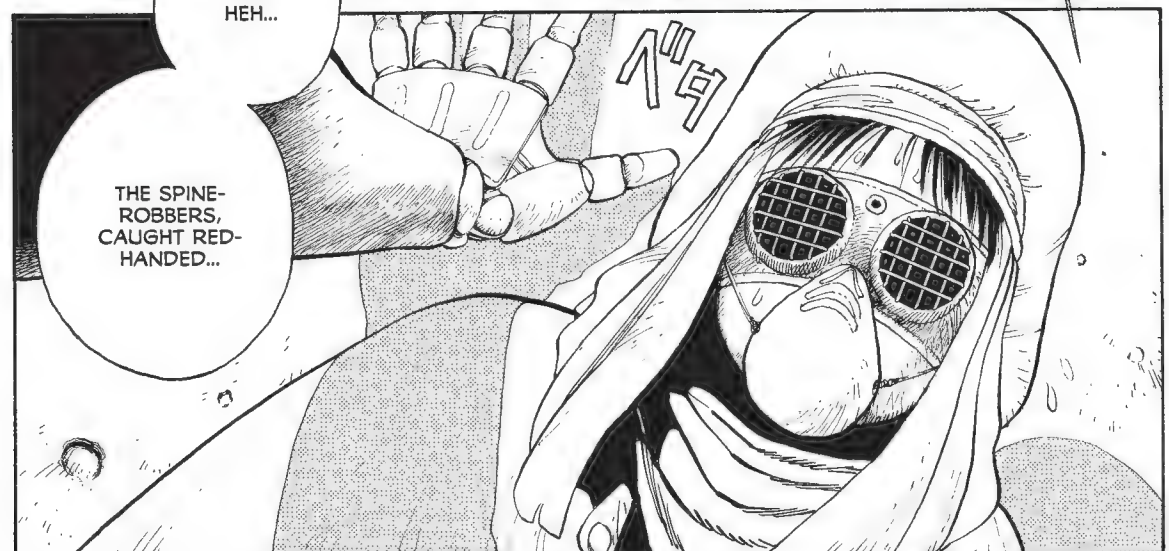
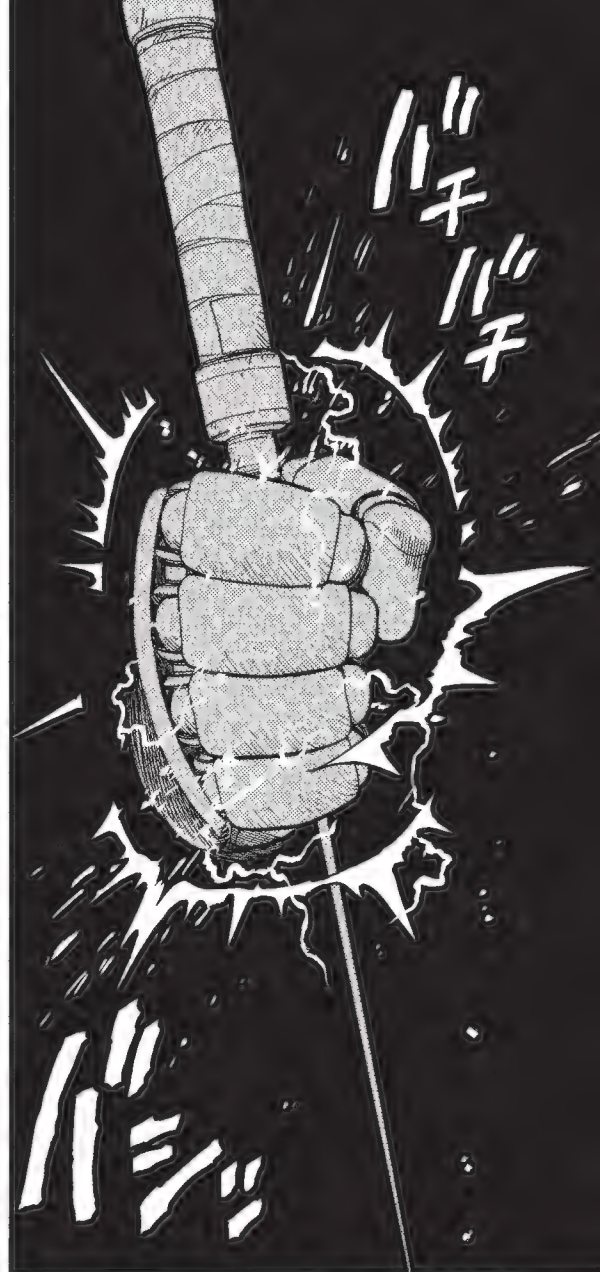
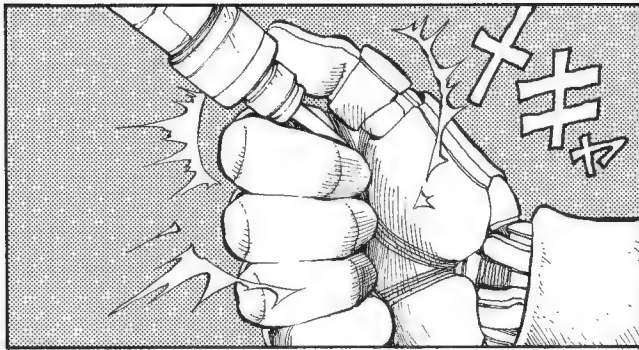




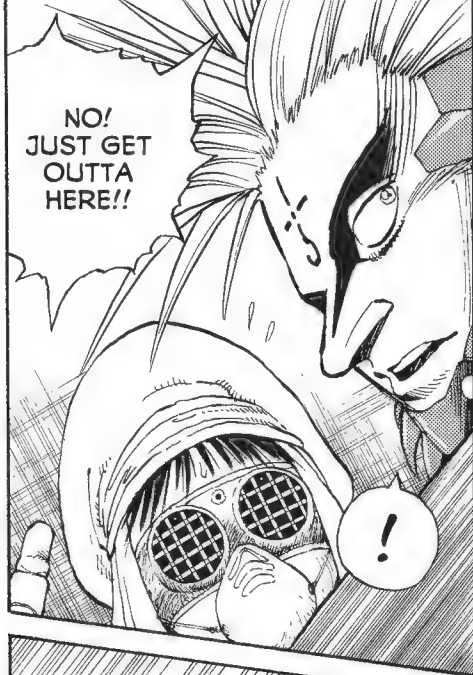












NO!
JUST GET
OUTTA
HERE!!

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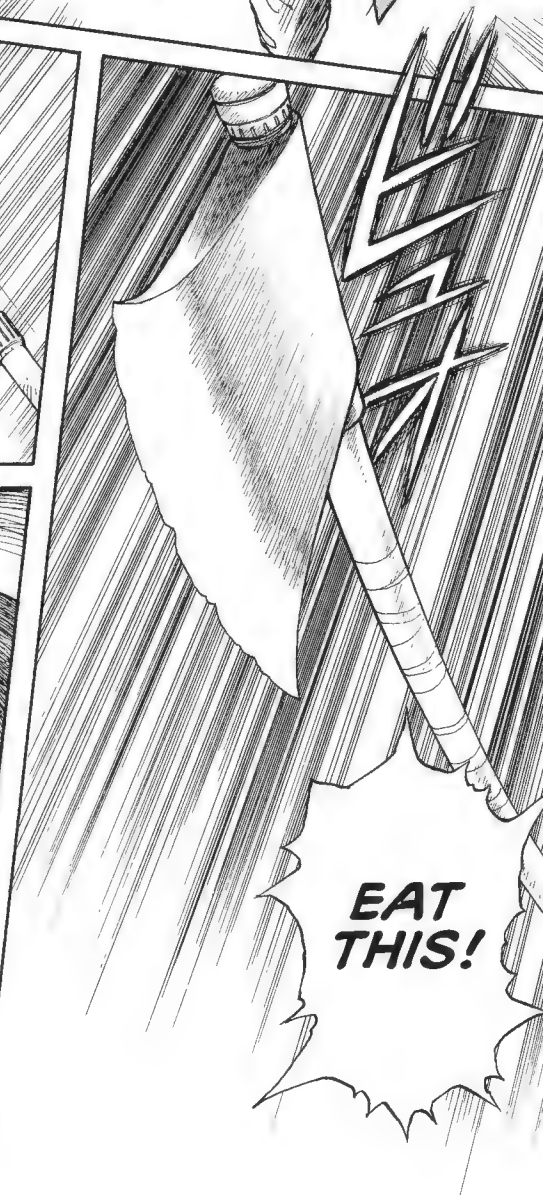
LET GO
OF YUGO,
ASSHOLE!!



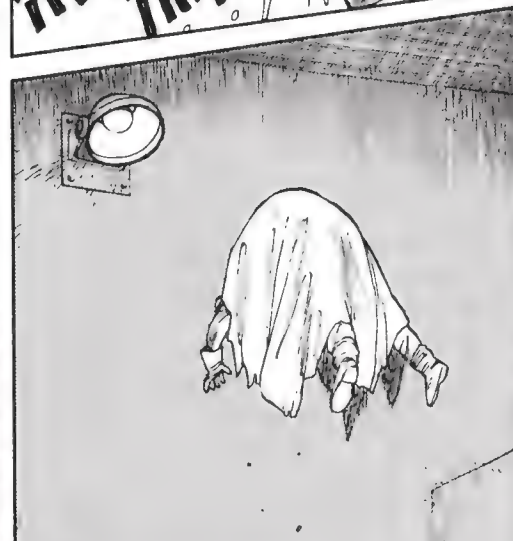
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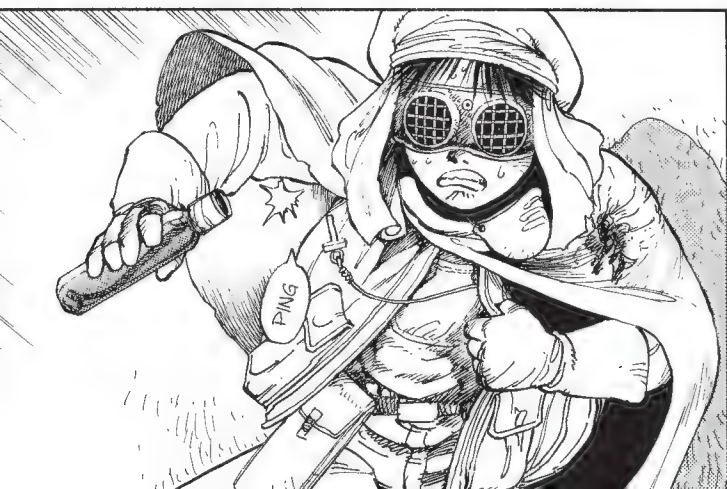
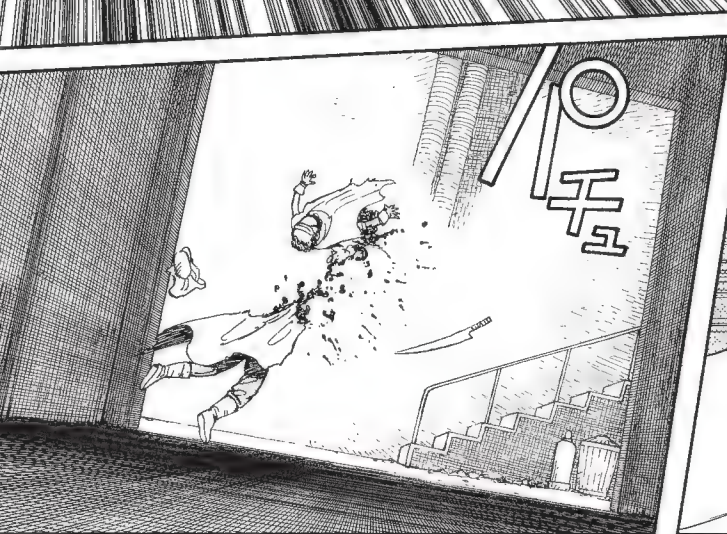
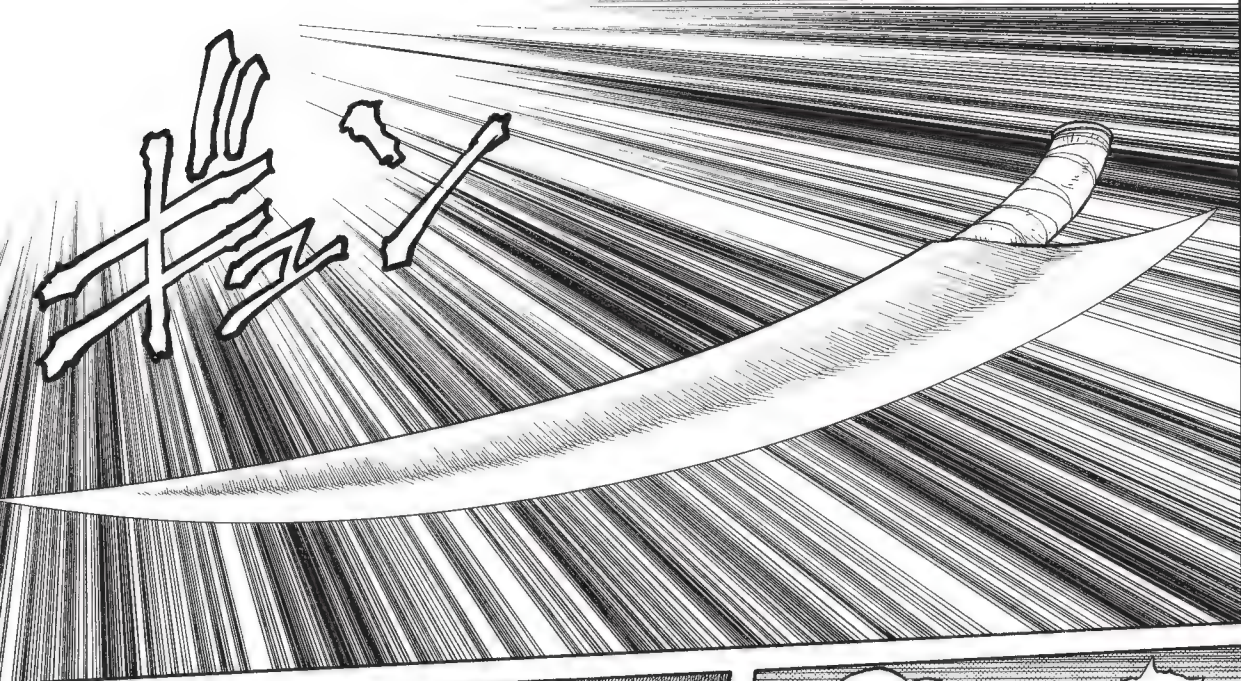
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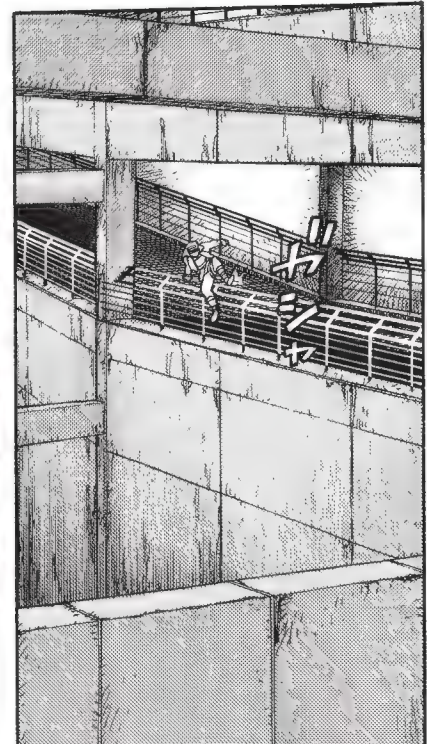
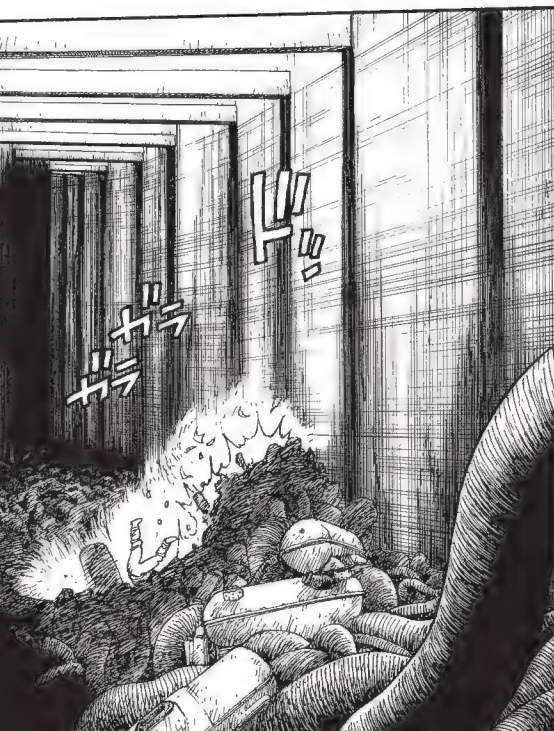
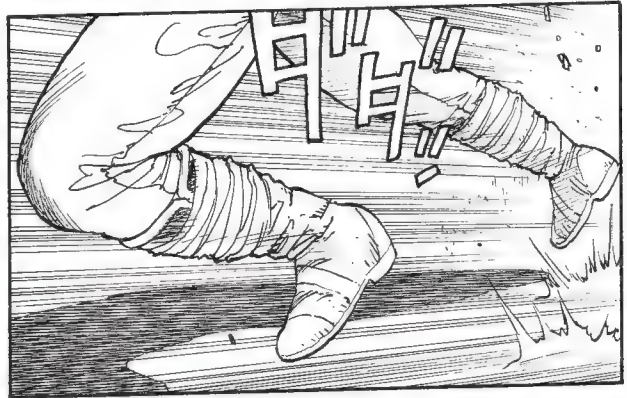
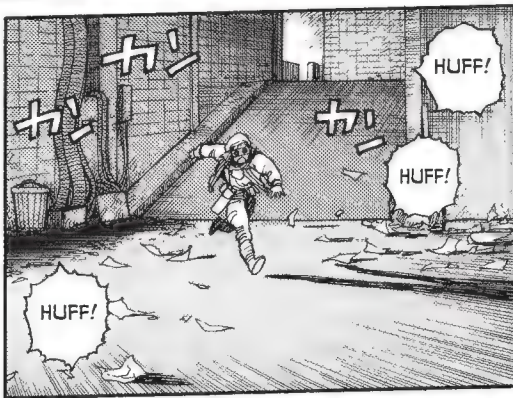
EAT
THIS!

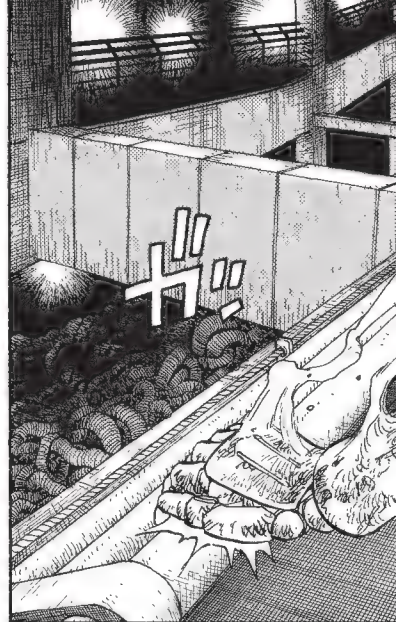








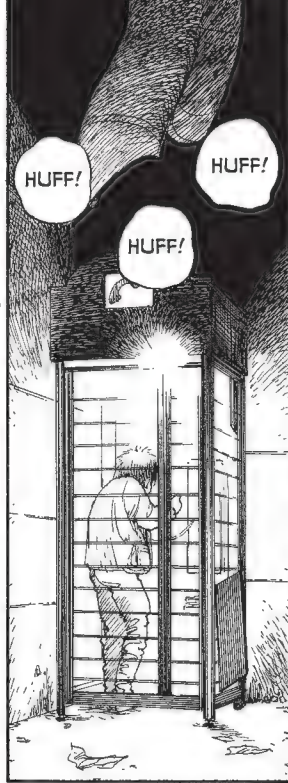






UH,
VECTOR...

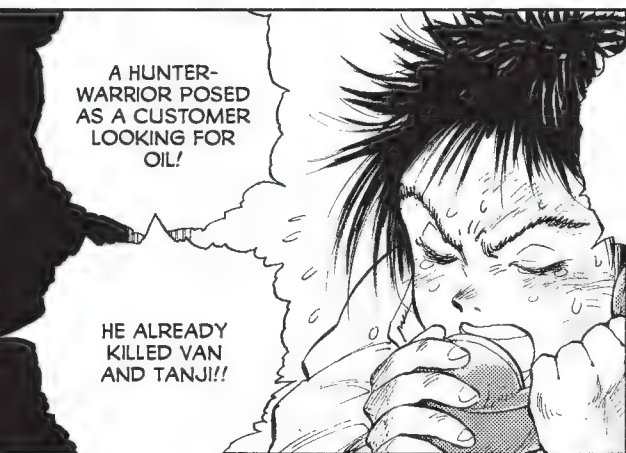
HUFF!



HUFF!

HUFF!

HUFF!



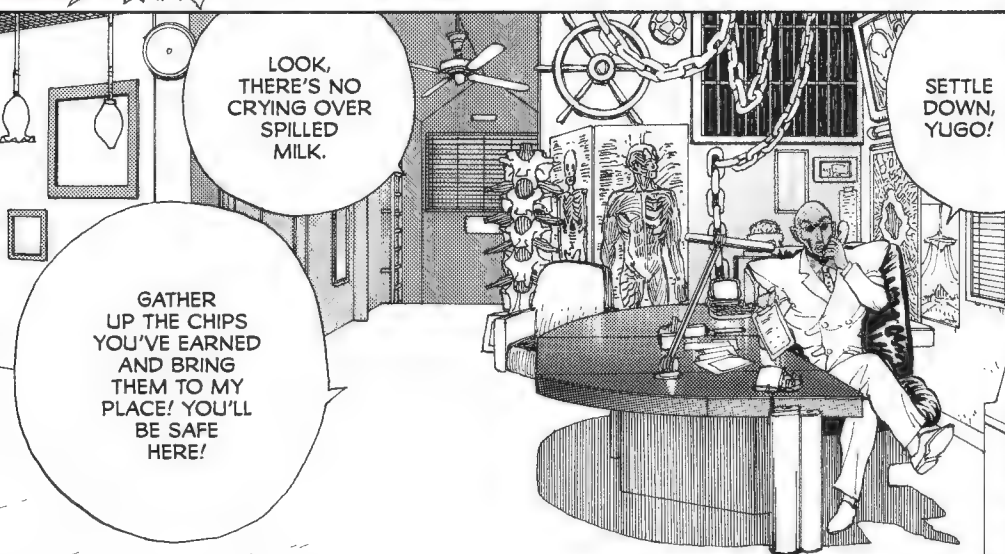
A HUNTER-
WARRIOR POSED
AS A CUSTOMER
LOOKING FOR
OIL!

HE ALREADY
KILLED VAN
AND TANJI!!



WHAT?!
YOU GOT
CAUGHT?

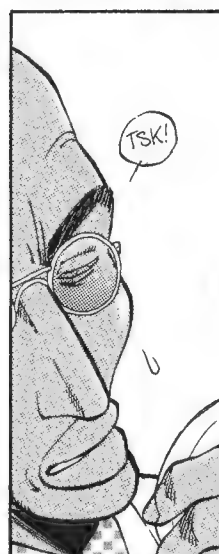
WHAT
IS IT,
YUGO?



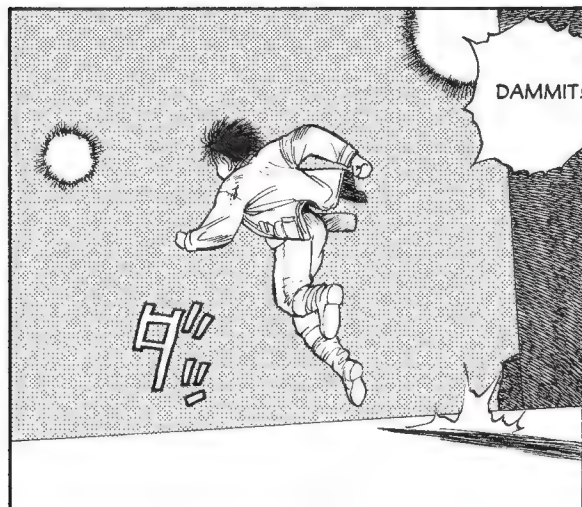
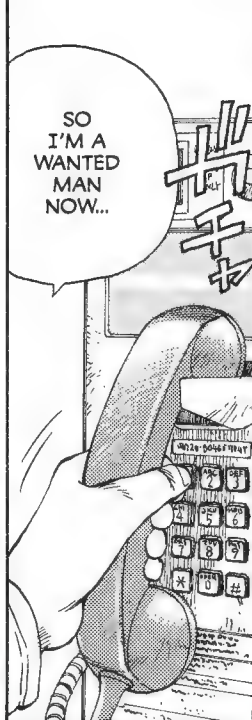
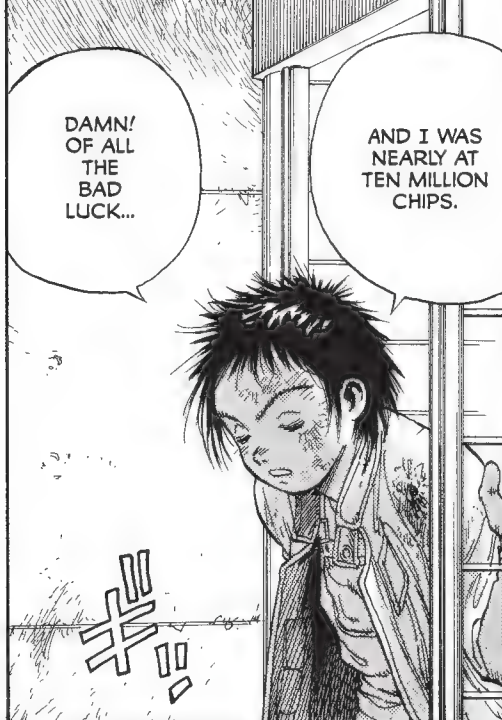
LOOK,
THERE'S NO
CRYING OVER
SPILLED
MILK.

GATHER
UP THE CHIPS
YOU'VE EARNED
AND BRING
THEM TO MY
PLACE! YOU'LL
BE SAFE
HERE!

SETTLE
DOWN,
YUGO!

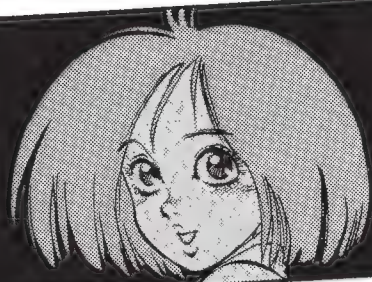


TSK!



NOT
YET! NOT
UNTIL I'VE
AT LEAST
MADE IT TO
ZALEM!!

I DON'T
WANNA
DIE!!



ALITA...

WH-WHY AM
I THINKING
ABOUT HER
NOW...?

WHAT?!



...TO DO
WITH ANY
OF THIS!!

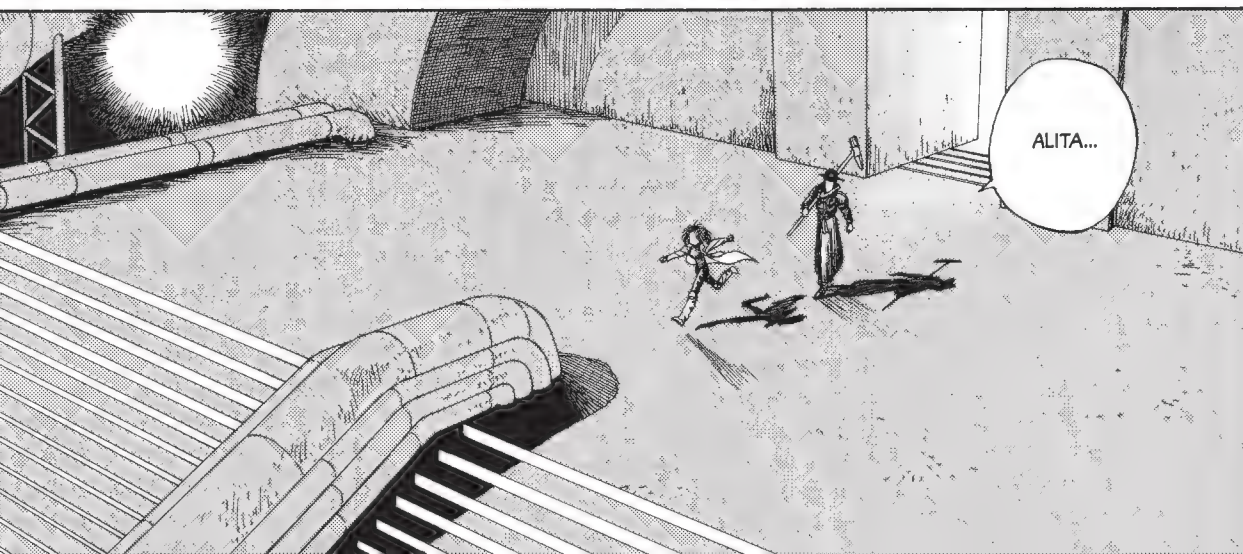
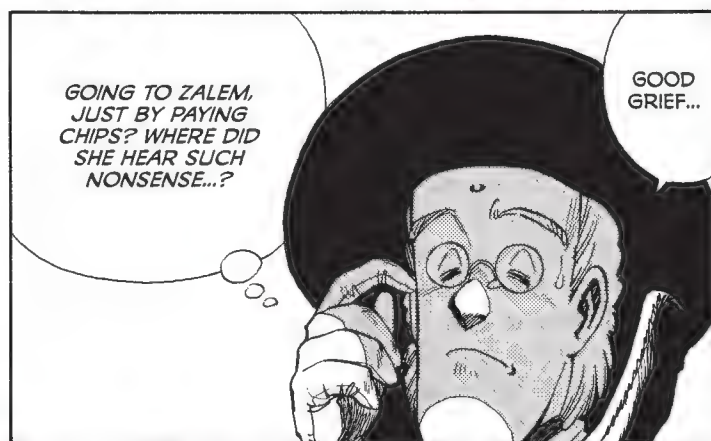
SHE HAS
NOTHING
...

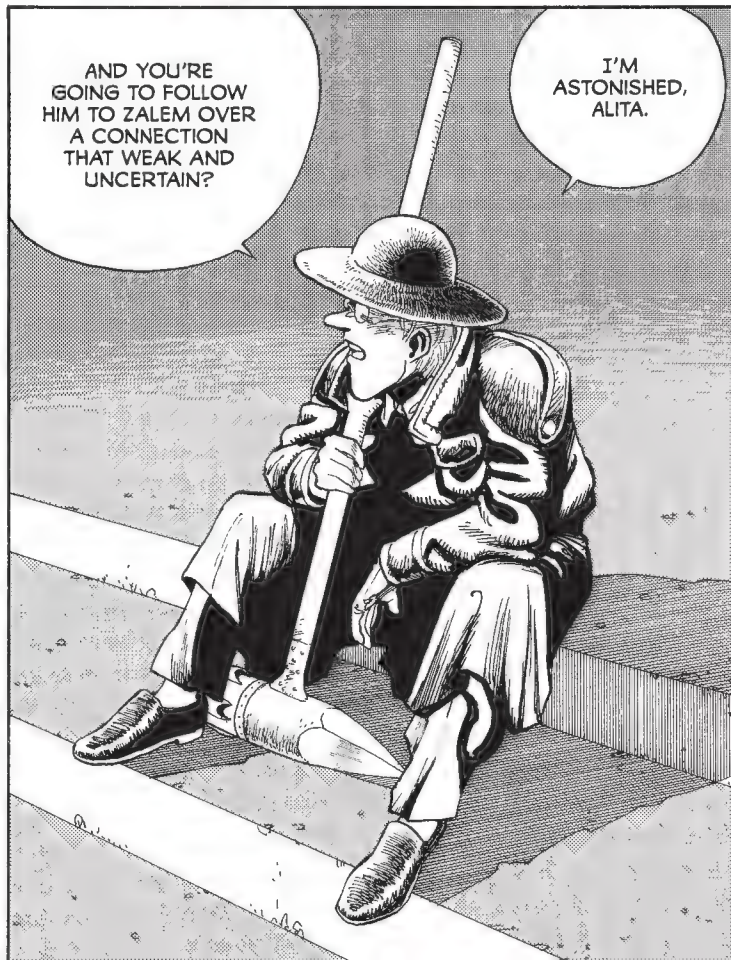
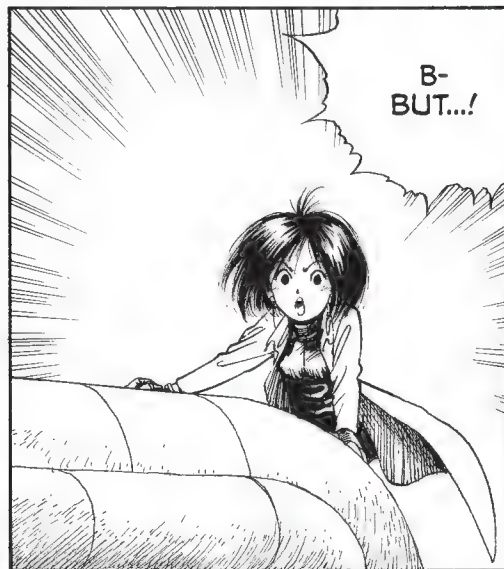
FACTORY
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CROSS-
REFERENCING
DNA TEST*
RESULTS. BRAIN
DEATH
CONFIRMED,
REMOVING
FROM LIST.

THAT'LL BE
650,000
CHIPS IN
TOTAL.

*DNA Test: An analysis of DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid), the building block of genetics, to determine the subject's identity.







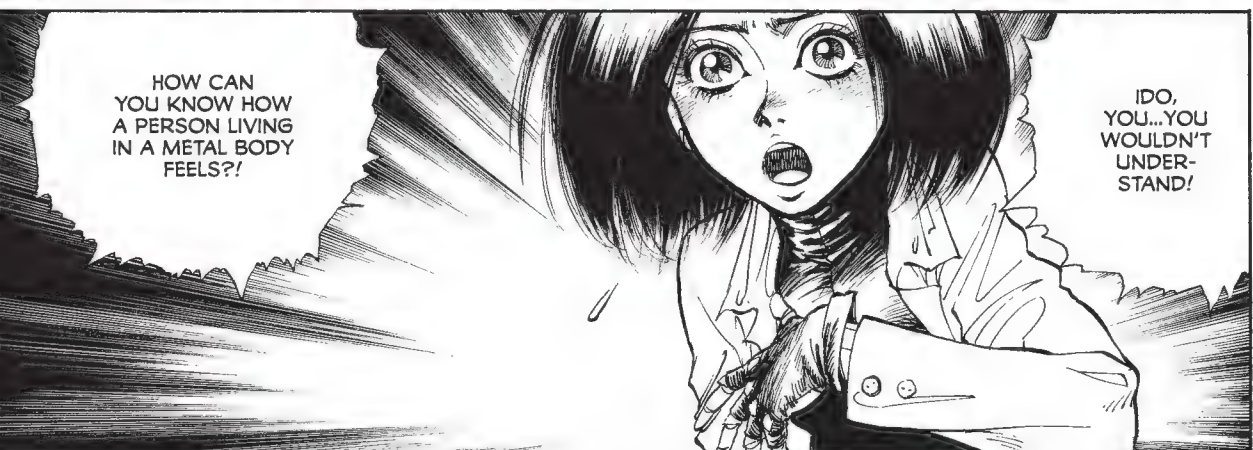
AT SOME POINT,
THERE WILL COME
A TIME WHEN YOU
HAVE TO STARE IT
DOWN AND DECIDE
WHERE YOU STAND
ON IT.

BUT YOU
CAN'T JUST
IGNORE IT
FOREVER.



WHEN WE
DON'T
WANT TO
DO THAT,
WE TURN
A BLIND
EYE TO IT.

I UNDER-
STAND THAT...
EVERYONE'S
AFRAID TO
FACE REALITY
SOMETIMES.

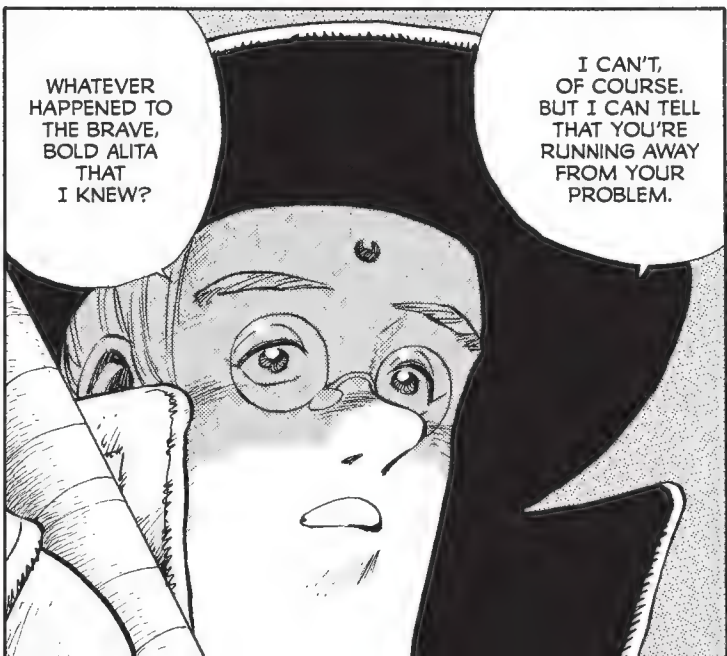


HOW CAN
YOU KNOW HOW
A PERSON LIVING
IN A METAL BODY
FEELS?!

IDO,
YOU...YOU
WOULDN'T
UNDER-
STAND!

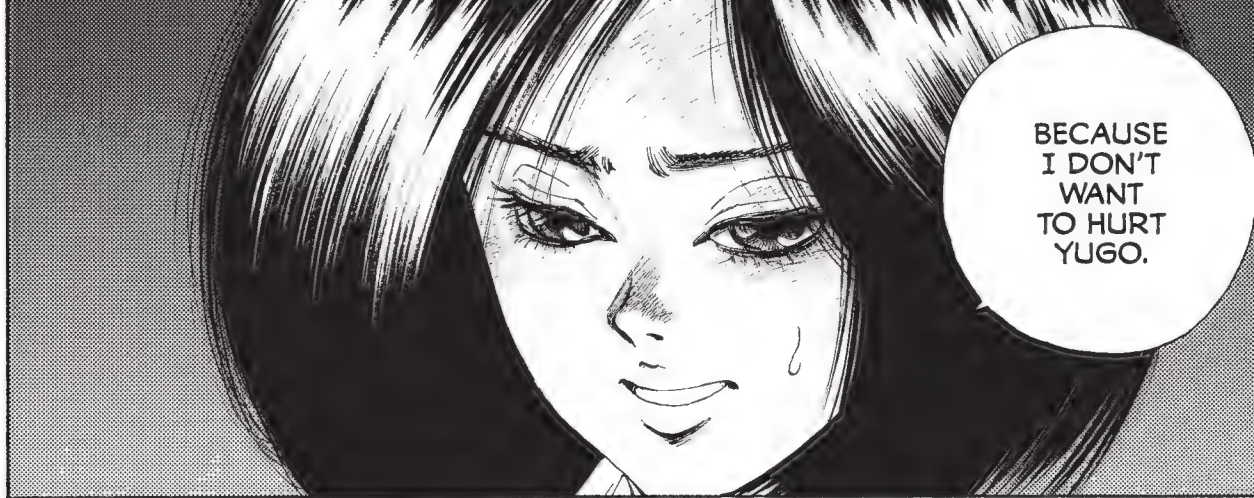


NO...I'M NOT
RUNNING AWAY.
I'M JUST...
HOLDING MYSELF
BACK...

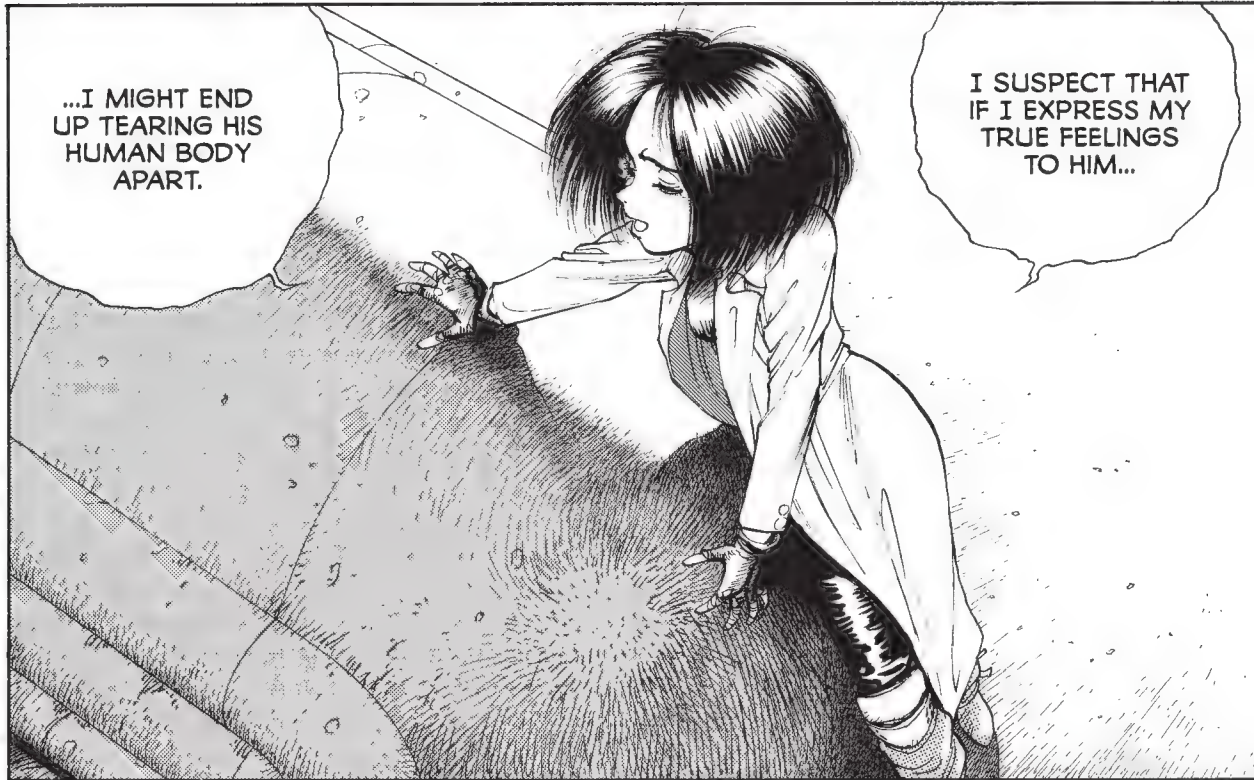


WHATEVER
HAPPENED TO
THE BRAVE,
BOLD ALITA
THAT
I KNEW?

I CAN'T,
OF COURSE.
BUT I CAN TELL
THAT YOU'RE
RUNNING AWAY
FROM YOUR
PROBLEM.

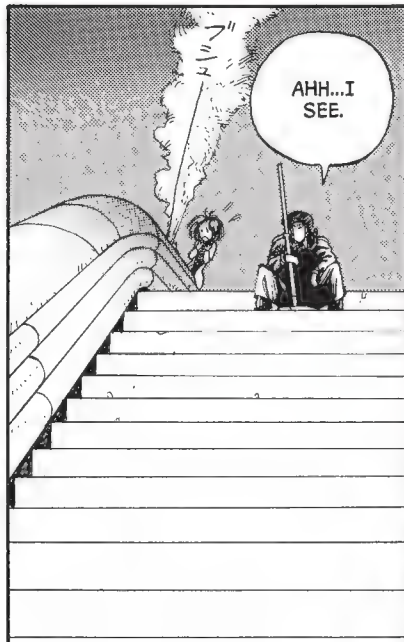


BECAUSE
I DON'T
WANT
TO HURT
YUGO.

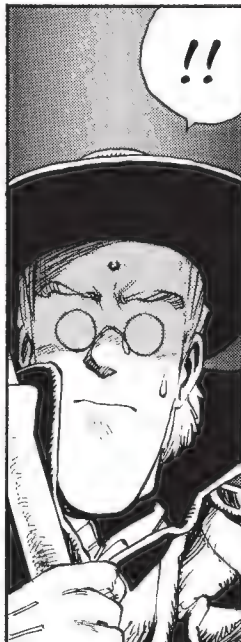


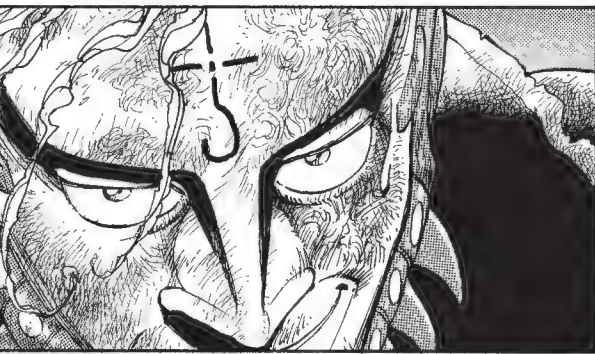
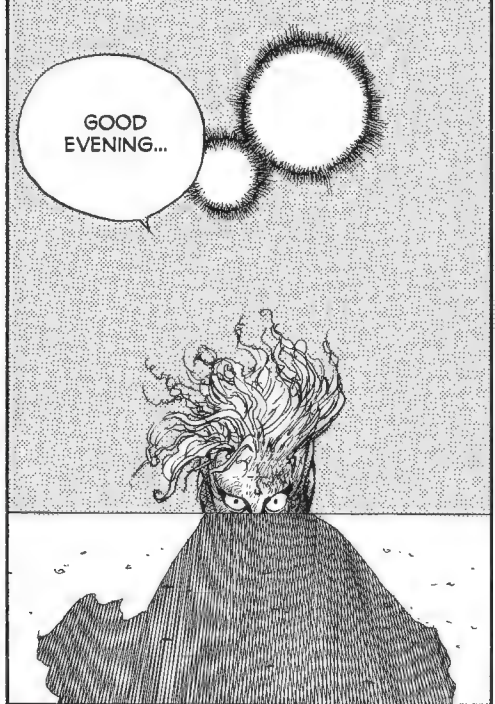
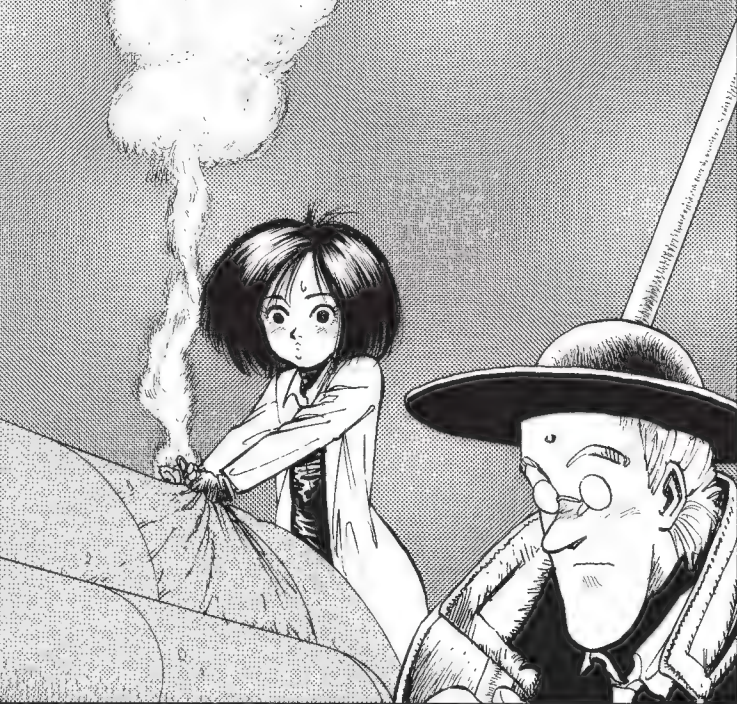
...I MIGHT END
UP TEARING HIS
HUMAN BODY
APART.

I SUSPECT THAT
IF I EXPRESS MY
TRUE FEELINGS
TO HIM...



AHH...I
SEE.







OHhh! WERE
YOU ONE OF
THE FACES IN
THE CROWD?

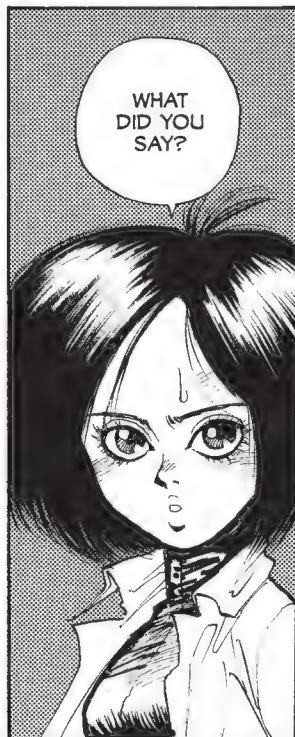


REMEMBER?
FROM THE
BRAWL AT
THE KANSAS
BAR!

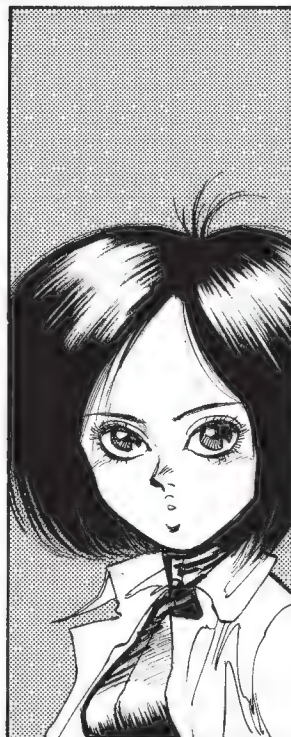
Y-YOU WANT TO
START WITH INTRO-
DUCTIONS? YOU'VE
FORGOTTEN THE
FEARSOME ZAPAN
ALREADY?!



F-FINE...I'LL OVER-
LOOK IT JUST THIS
ONCE... I'M NOT
HERE TO FIGHT,
AFTER ALL...

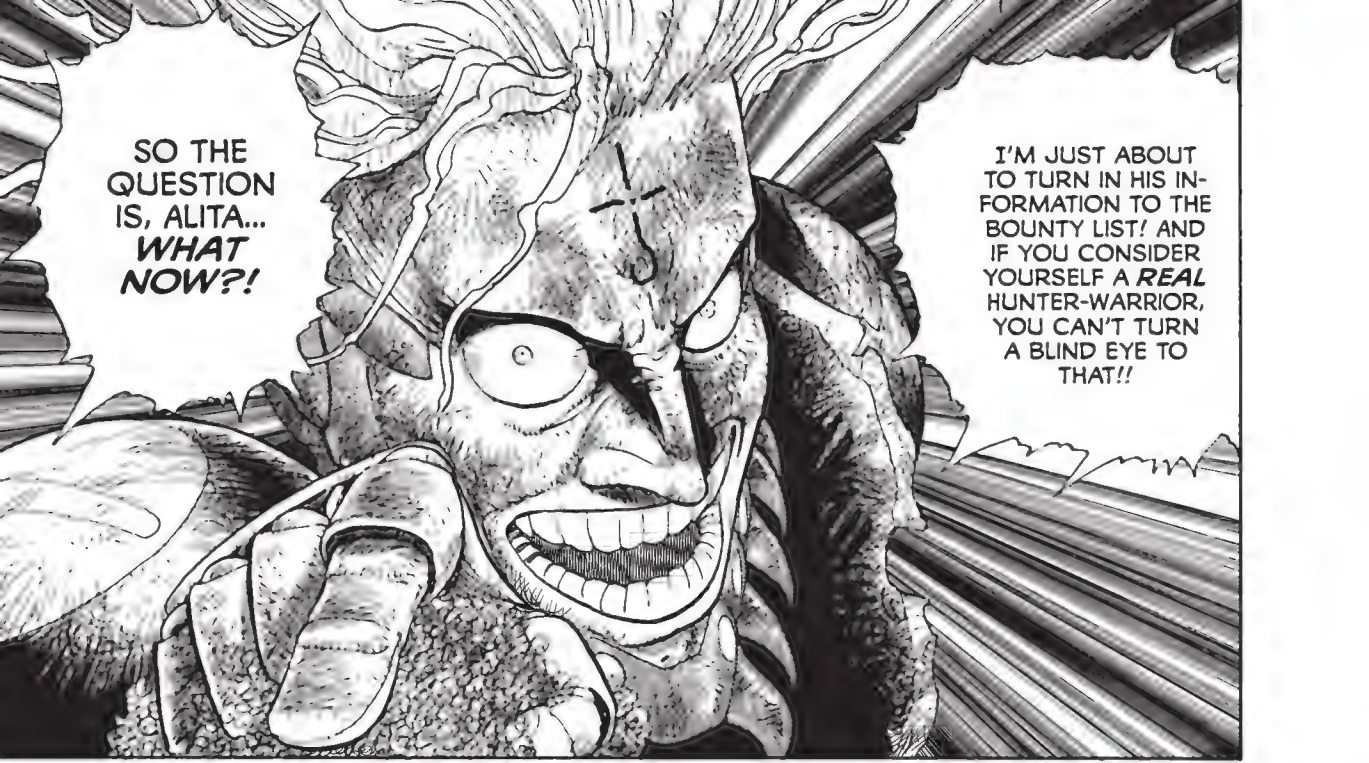


WHAT
DID YOU
SAY?



IT TURNS
OUT YOUR
DEAR,
BELOVED
YUGO...

...IS THE
RINGLEADER
OF THE GANG
DOING ALL
THOSE SPINE
THEFTS!!



SO THE
QUESTION
IS, ALITA...
**WHAT
NOW?!**

I'M JUST ABOUT
TO TURN IN HIS IN-
FORMATION TO THE
BOUNTY LIST! AND
IF YOU CONSIDER
YOURSELF A *REAL*
HUNTER-WARRIOR,
YOU CAN'T TURN
A BLIND EYE TO
THAT!!



YUGO'S
GOING...

...TO HAVE A
BOUNTY?!

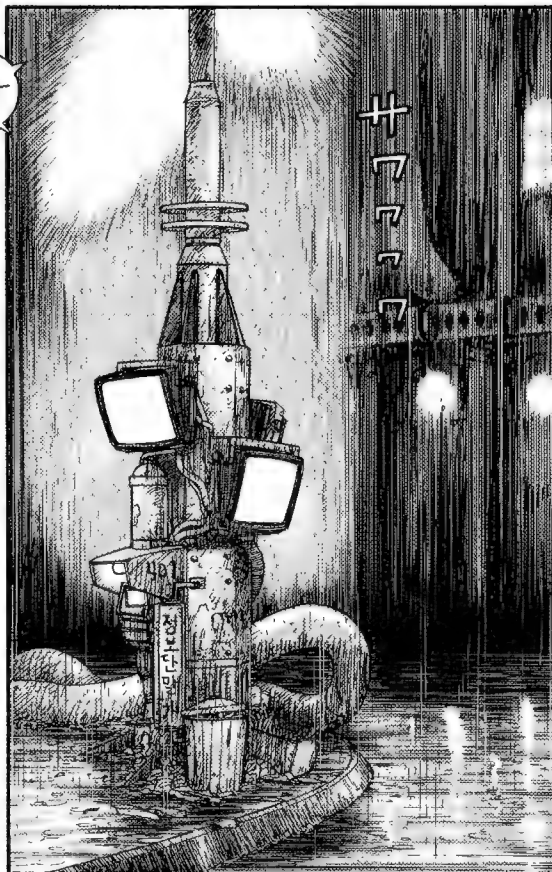
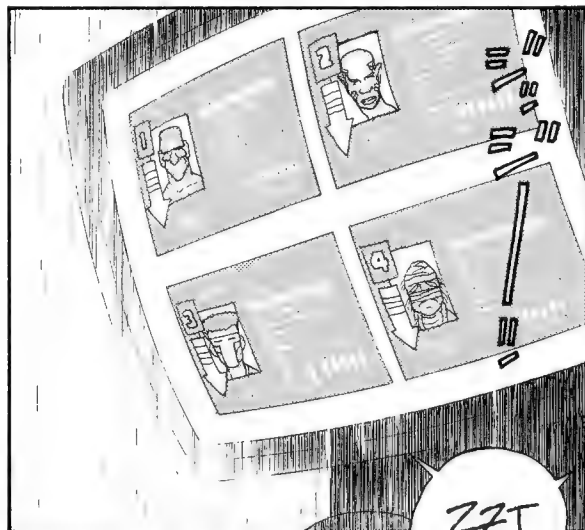




TODAY'S LATEST BOUNTY UPDATES

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Bounty info is available here...



DNA.CODE



CRIMINAL NUMBER:3491625C7

NAME: YUGO

CRIMINALITY:VERTEBRAL COLUMN ROBBER
AND
BRAIN MURDER

ARMS: FIRE BOTTLE

BODY: NON CYBORG

DRUG USAGE: NONE

NOTE: WOUNDED IN THE LEFT SHOULDER

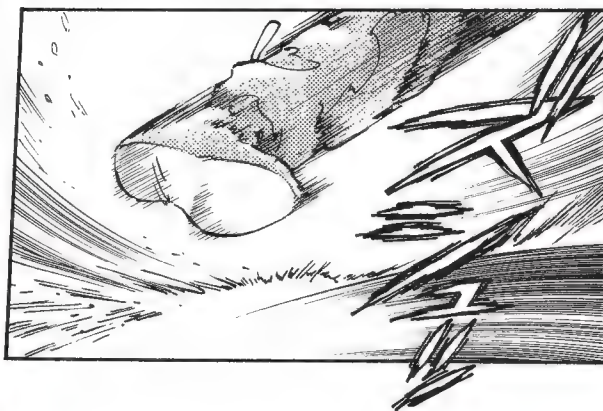
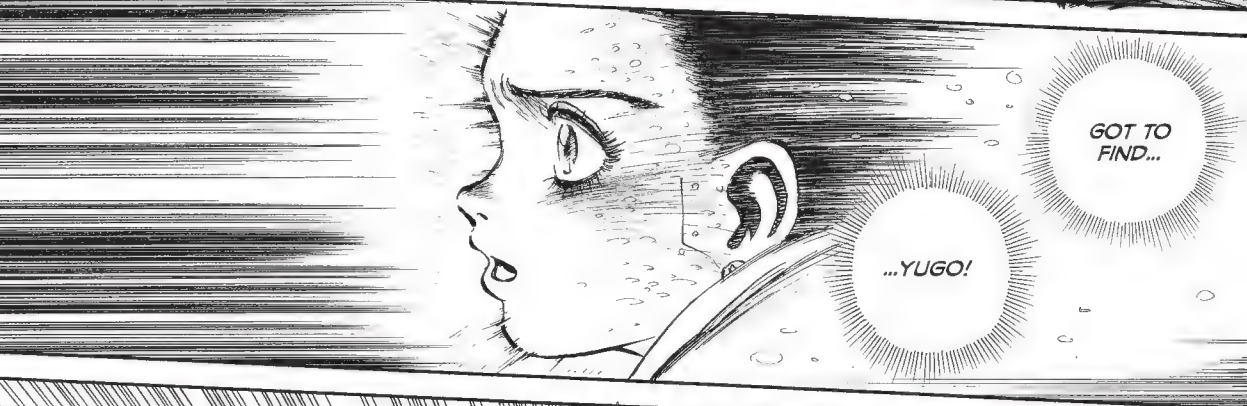
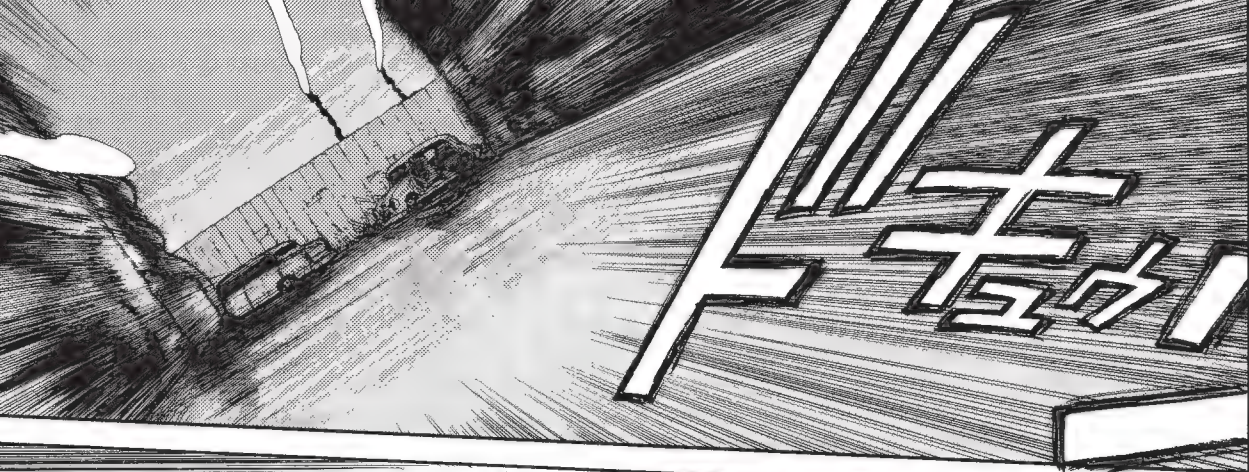
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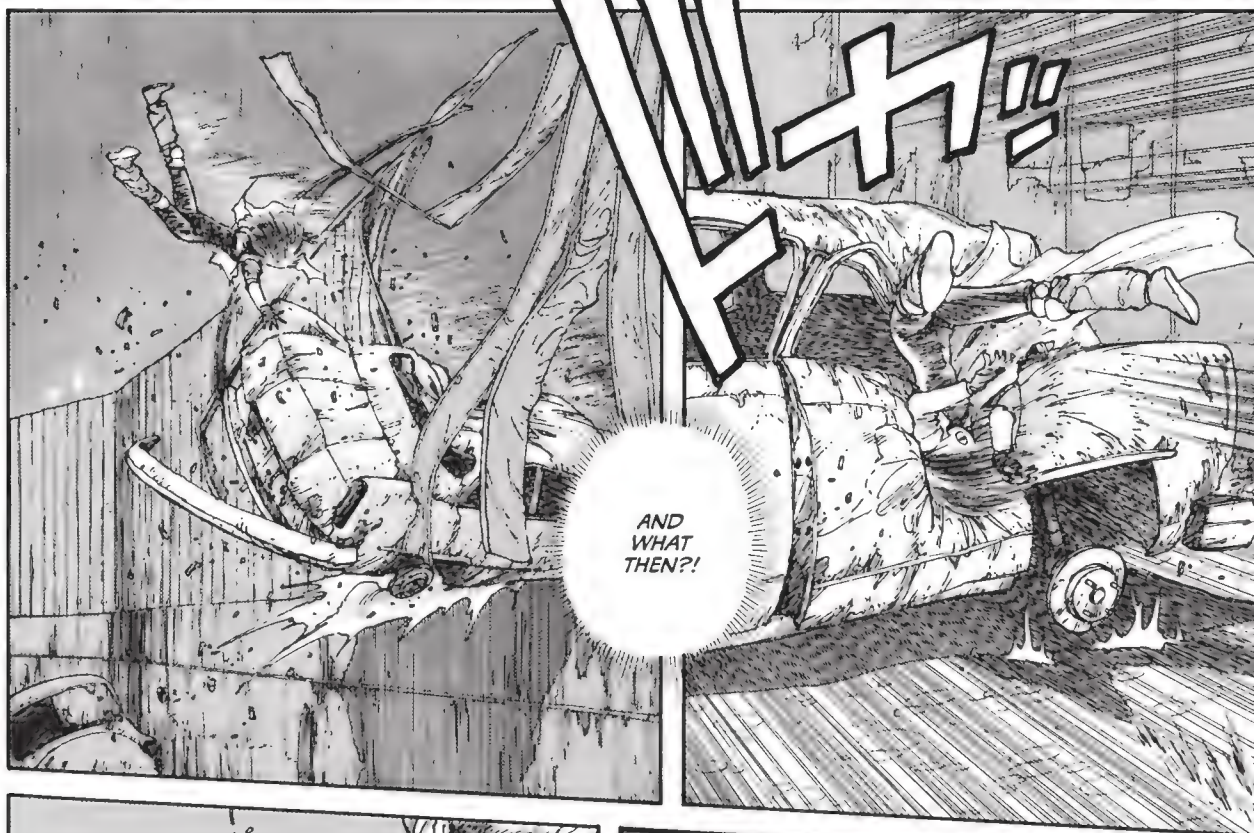
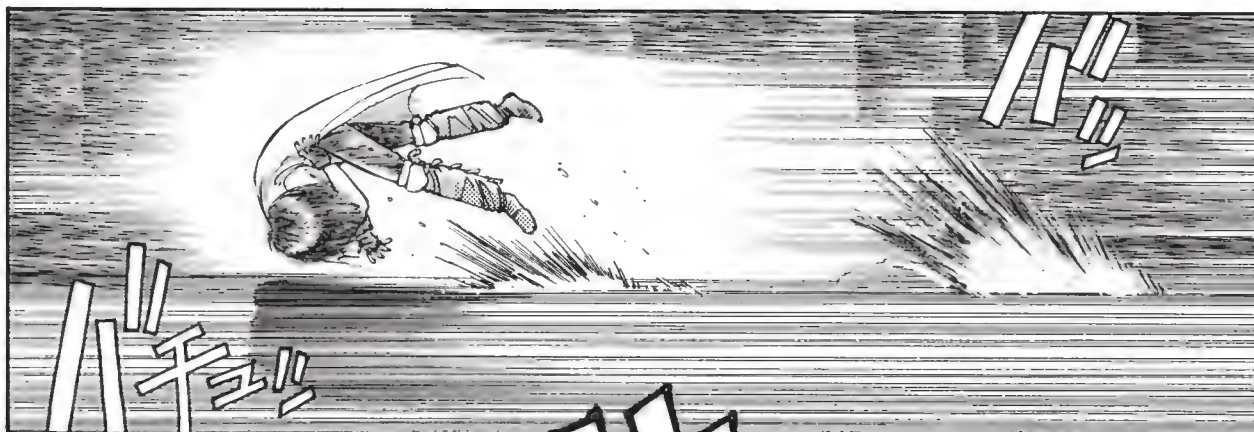
WARRANT # 5000

...where Hunter-Warriors can print out the relevant details.

FIGHT_010 Yūgo on the Run

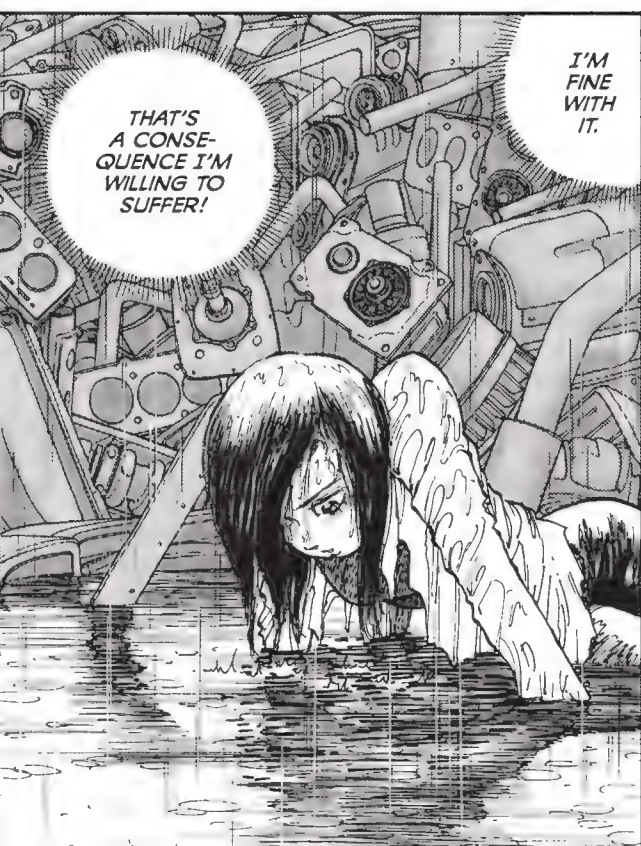
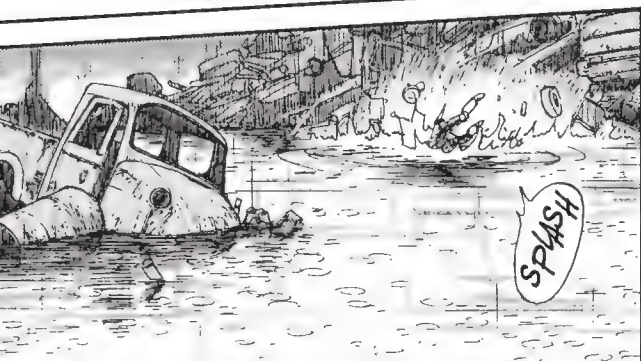
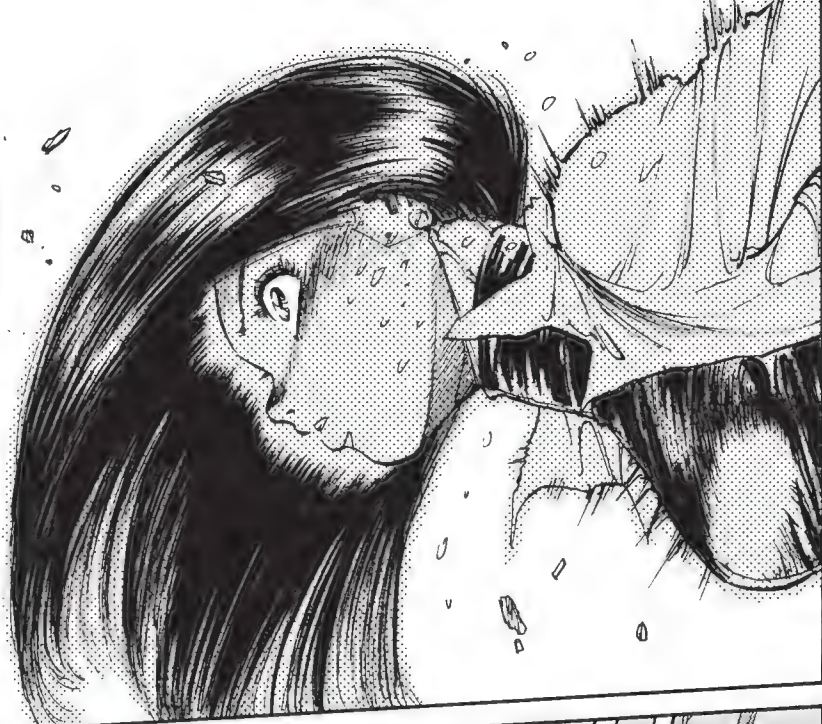






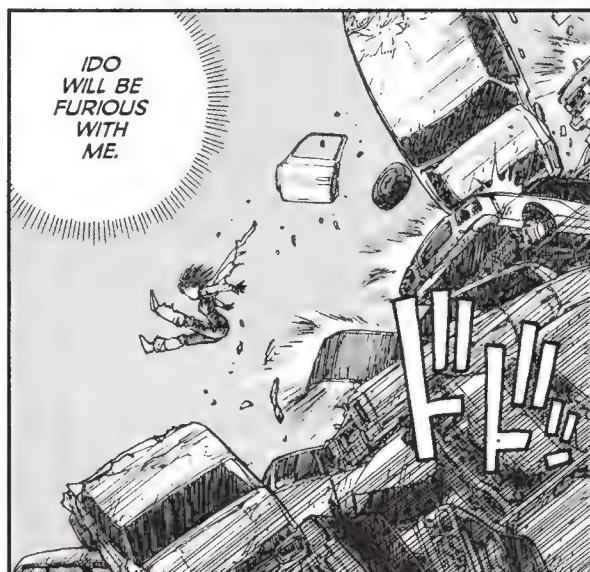
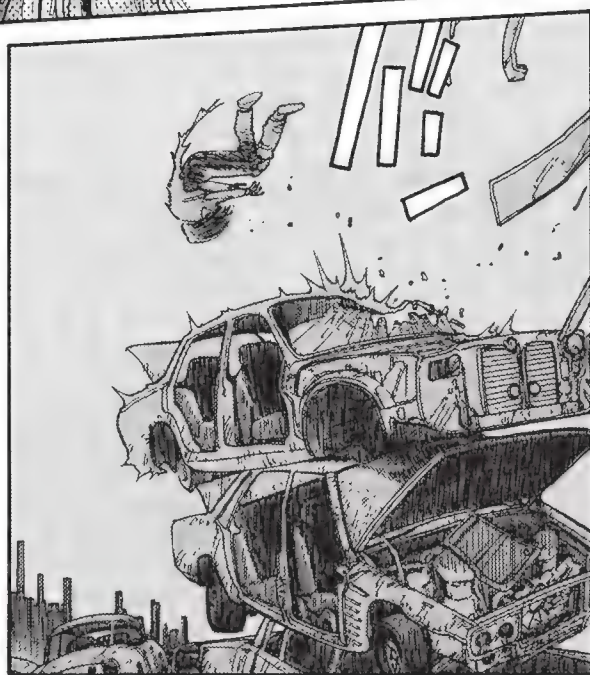
THEN...WILL
I STICK UP
FOR HIM AND
FIGHT THE
OTHER
HUNTERS?

WILL I
GAIN A
BOUNTY,
TOO?

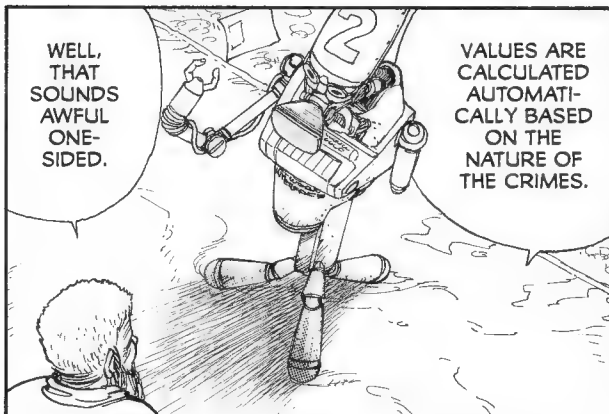
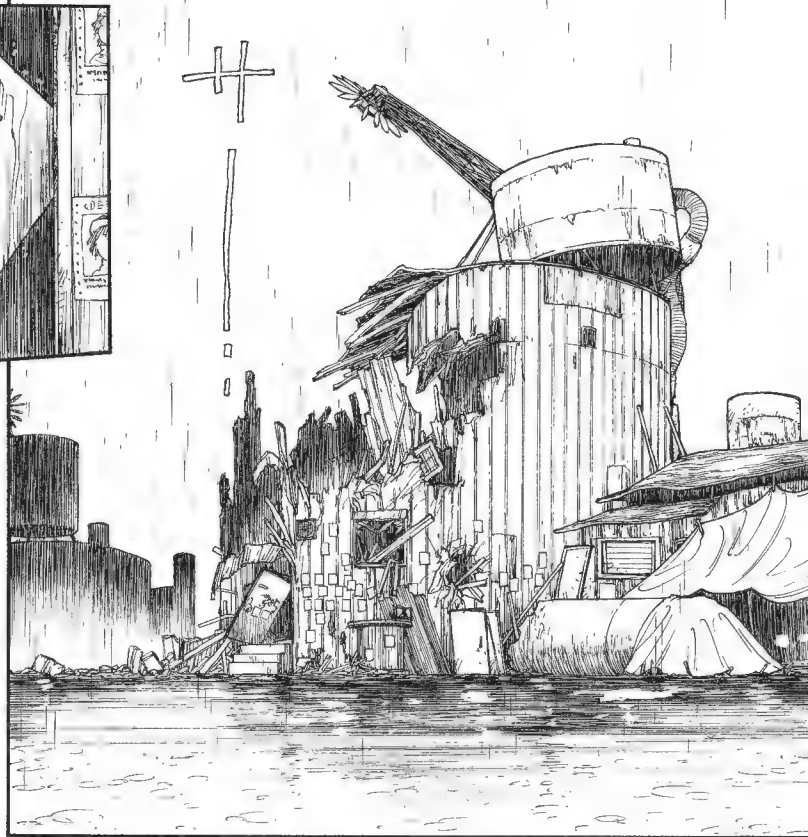
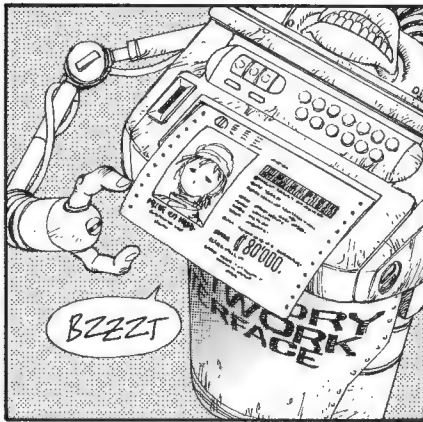


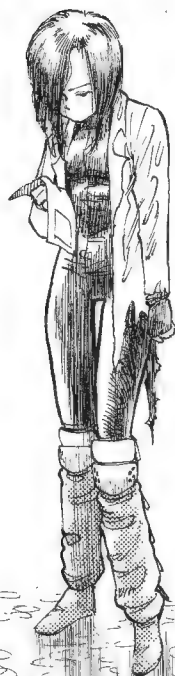
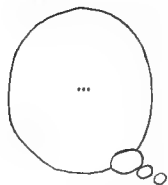
THAT'S
A CONSE-
QUENCE I'M
WILLING TO
SUFFER!

I'M
FINE
WITH
IT.

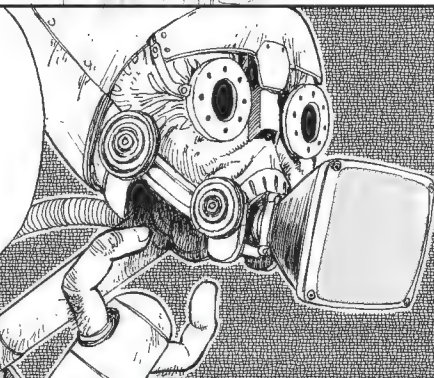


IDO
WILL BE
FURIOUS
WITH
ME.



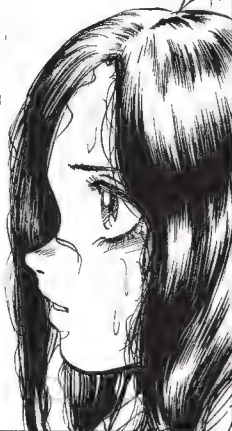


THE FACTORIES
RUN FOR THE SAKE
OF ZALEM, AND
THE NEEDS OF THE
RESIDENTS OF THE
SCRAPYARD DO NOT
ENTER INTO THE
EQUATION.

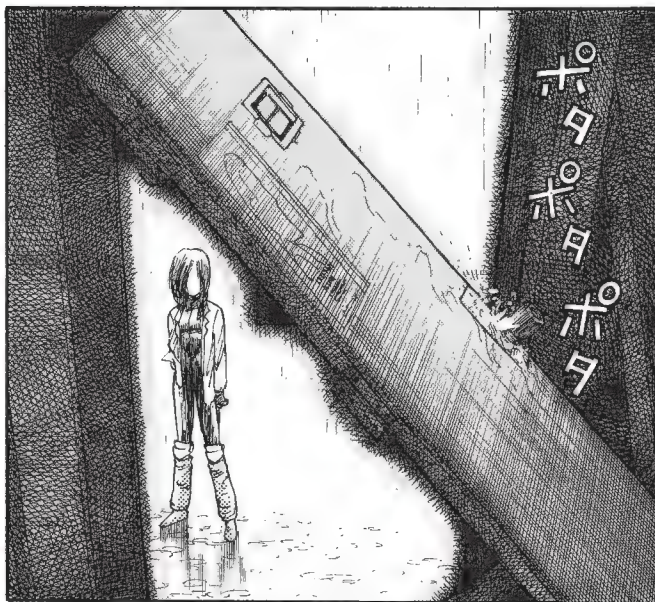


OUR PUBLIC
SAFETY SYSTEM
IS MERELY
A DEBUG*
PROCESS TO
ENSURE SMOOTH
OPERATION
OF THE
FACTORIES.

I THINK
I MIGHT
KNOW
WHERE
HE IS...



OH...OF
COURSE!



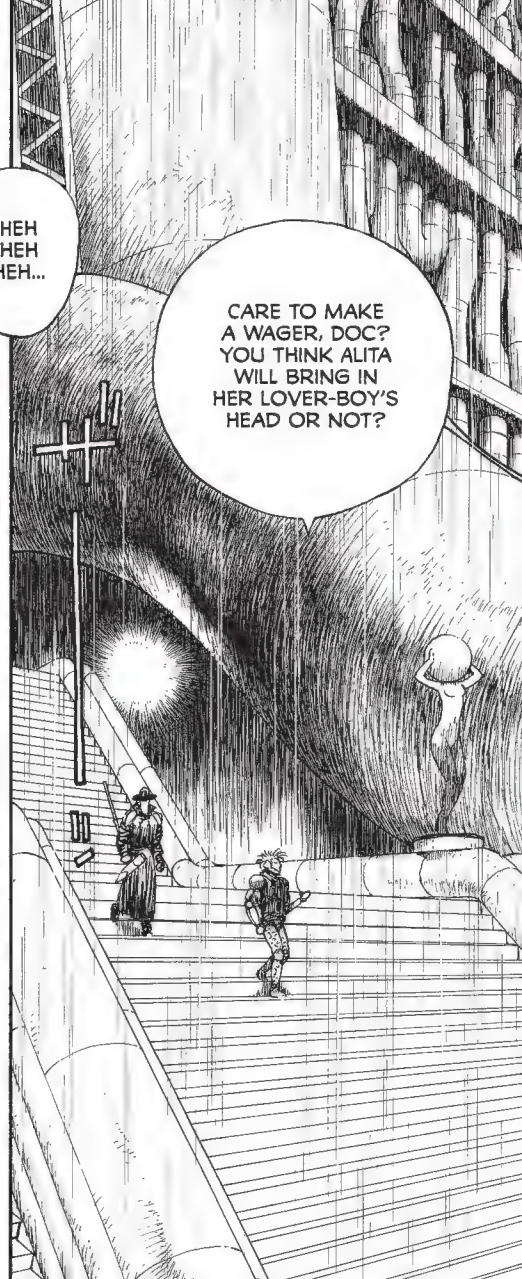
*Debug: The process of finding and correct bugs (errors) in computer programs. In this case, he is associating criminals with bugs.



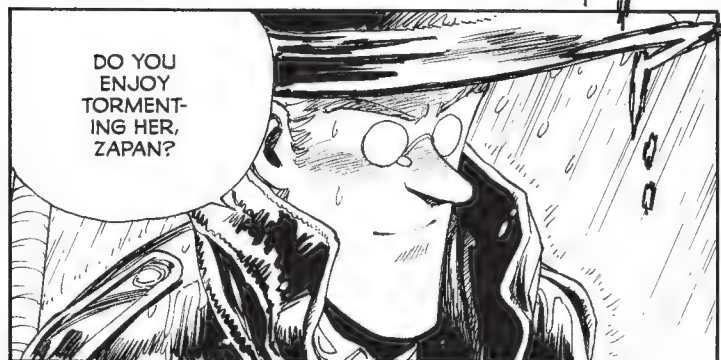
AT THIS
RATE, SHE'S
BOUND TO
FIND THE
KID AND
ELOPE WITH
HIM.

I DON'T THINK
THE SCREWS
ARE TIGHT
ENOUGH,
THOUGH...

HEH
HEH
HEH...



CARE TO MAKE
A WAGER, DOC?
YOU THINK ALITA
WILL BRING IN
HER LOVER-BOY'S
HEAD OR NOT?



DO YOU
ENJOY
TORMENT-
ING HER,
ZAPAN?

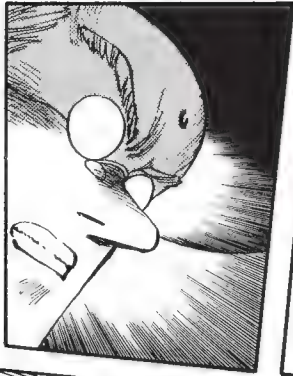


LET
GO OF
ME!

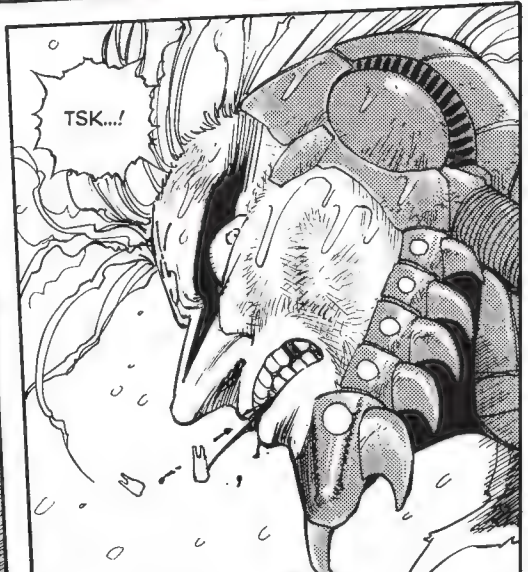
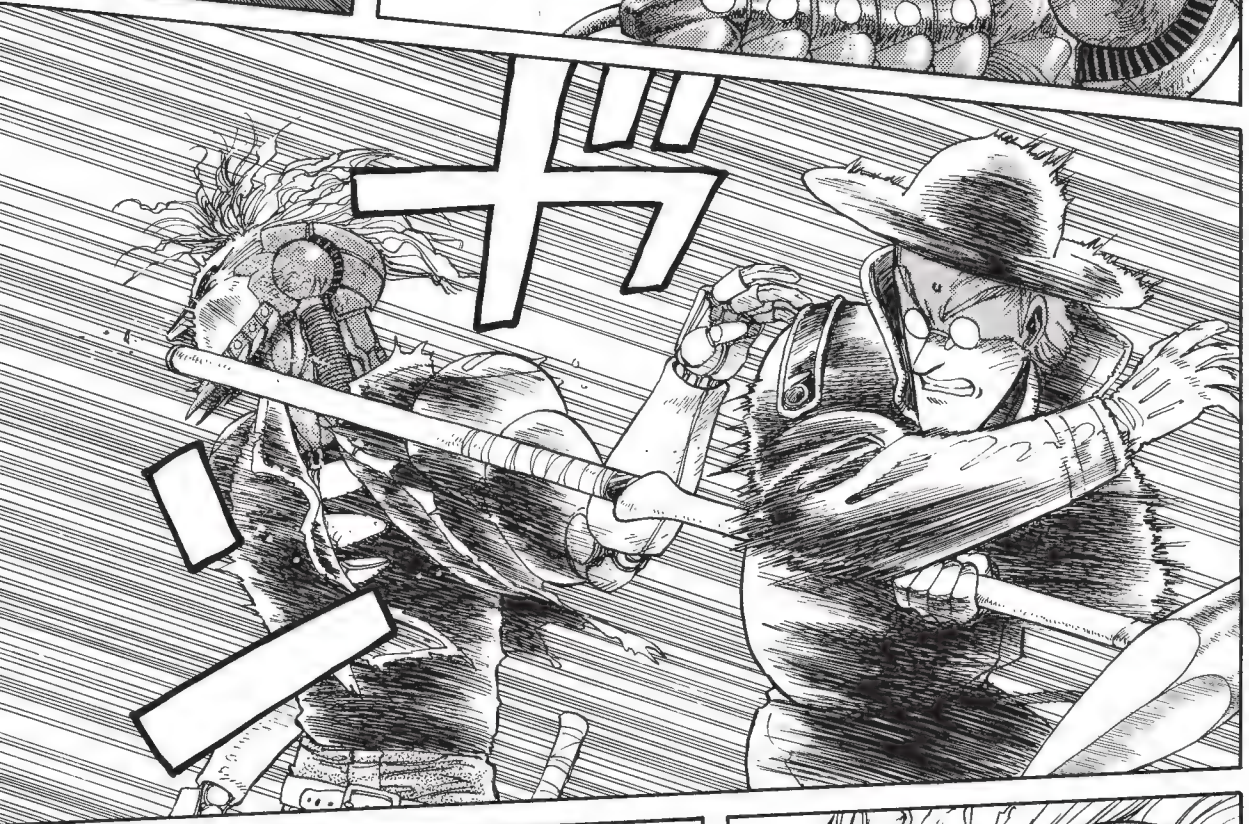
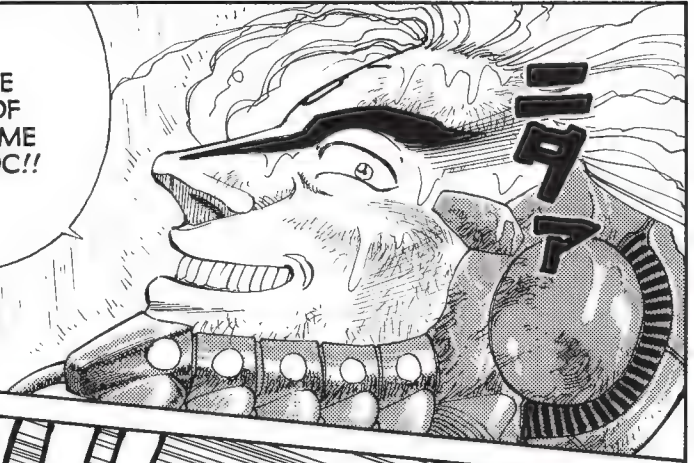


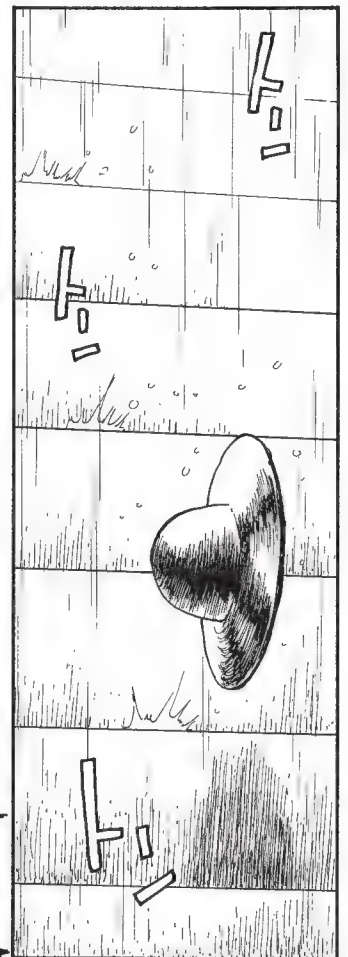
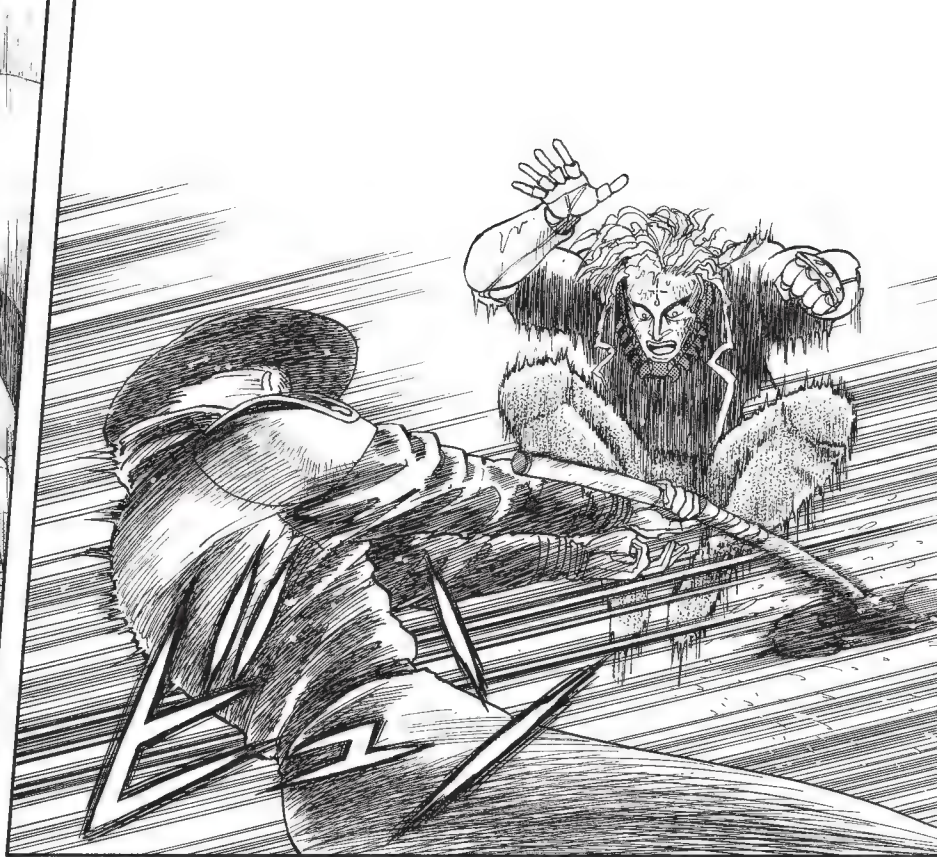
NOT SO
FAST.

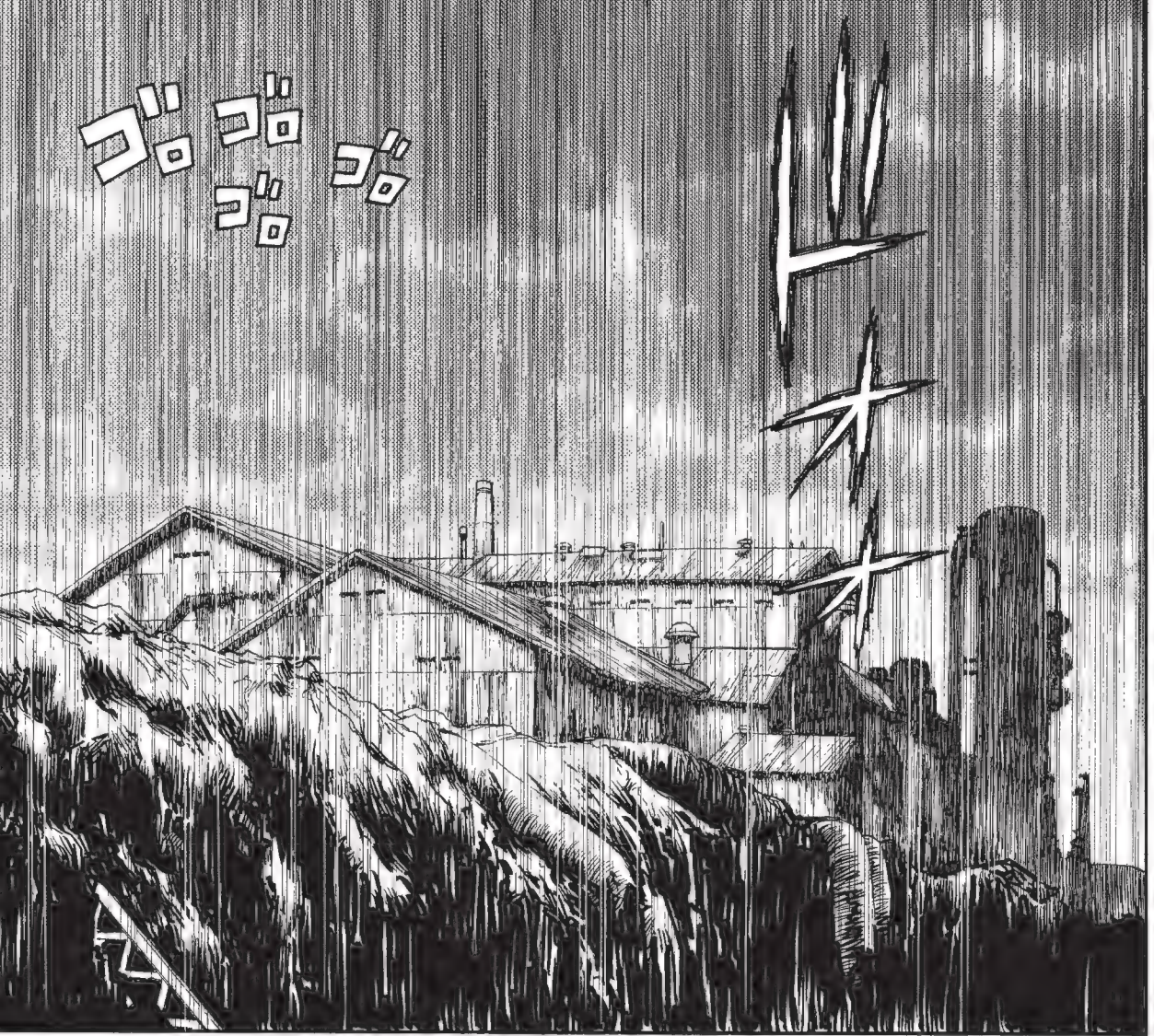
BEING
IN YOUR
PRESENCE
MAKES
ME SICK.
GOODBYE!

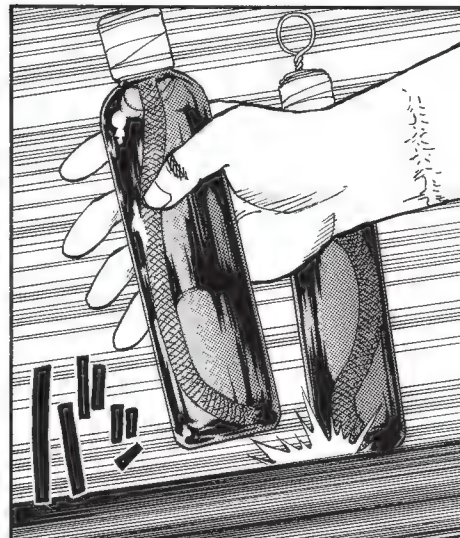
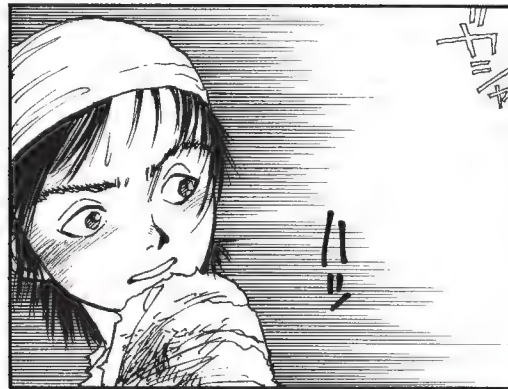
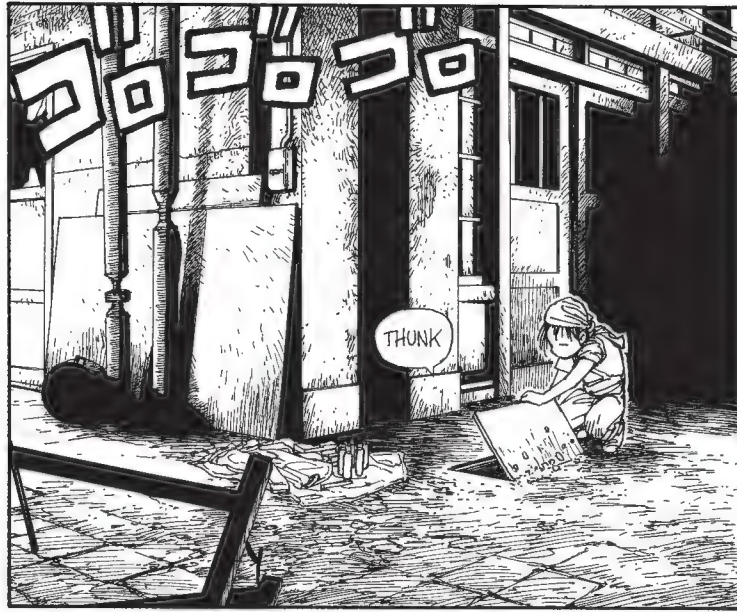


YOU'RE
PART OF
THIS GAME
TOO, DOC!!





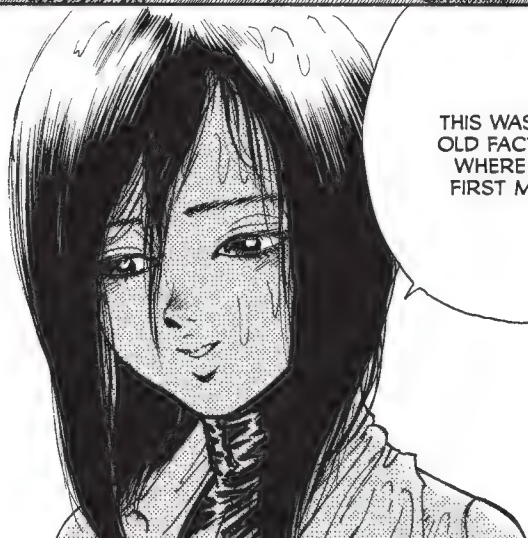
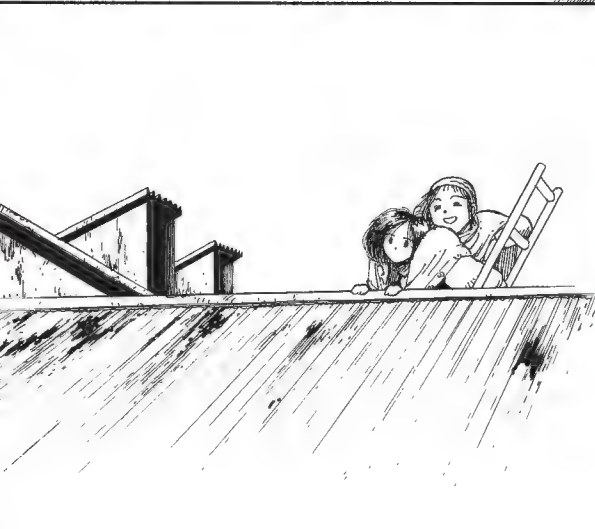
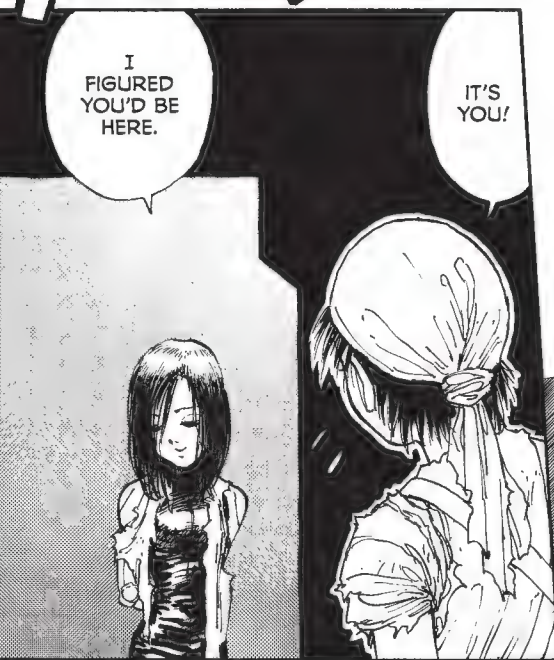




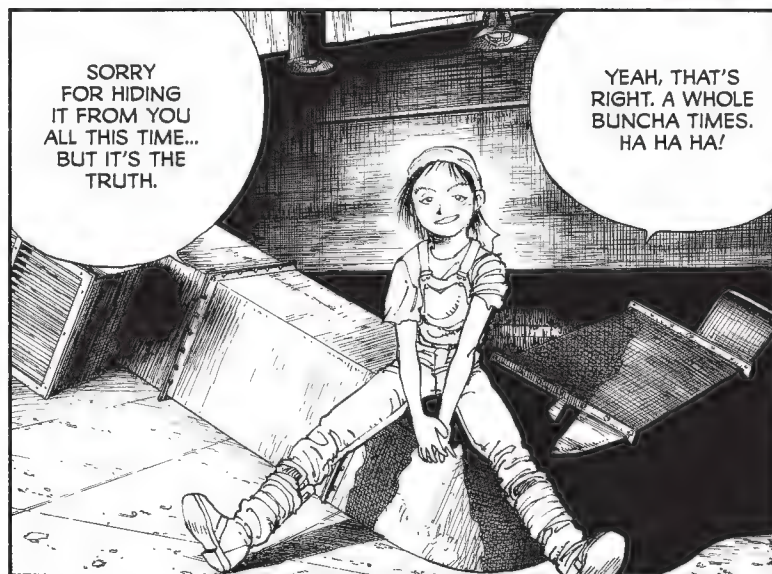
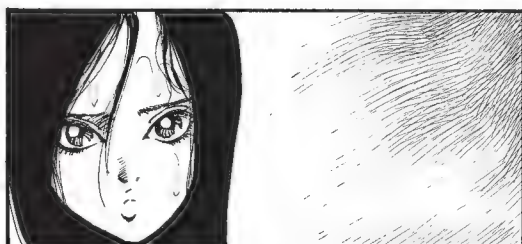
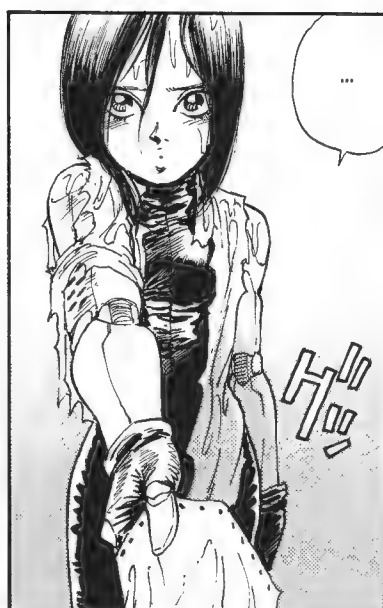


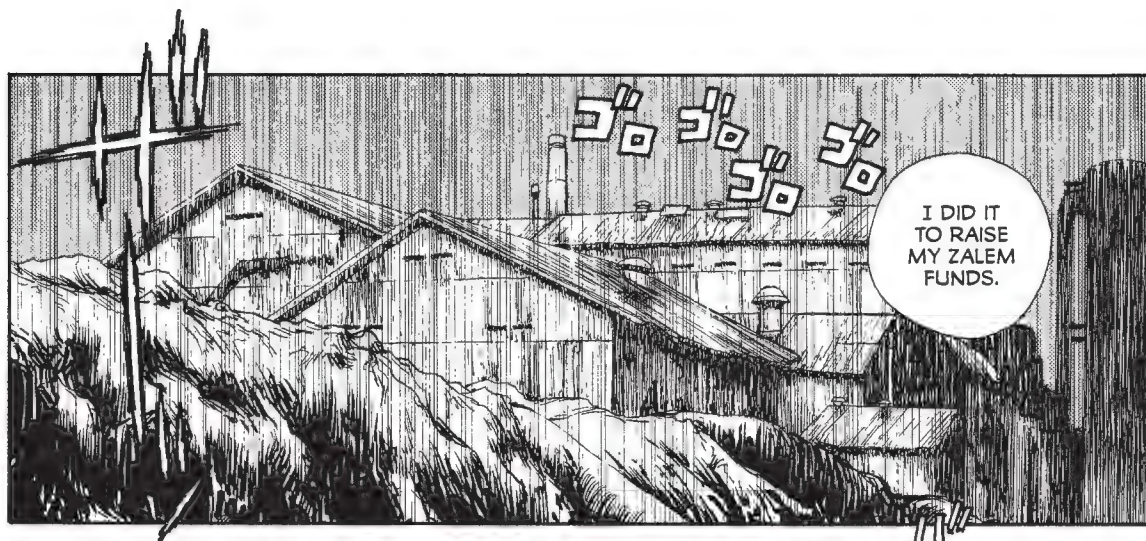
YUGO...

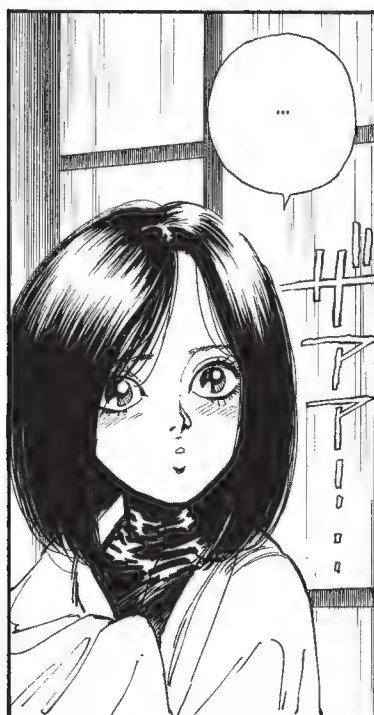
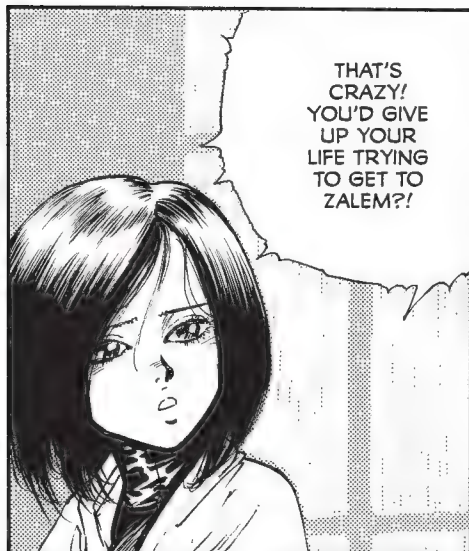
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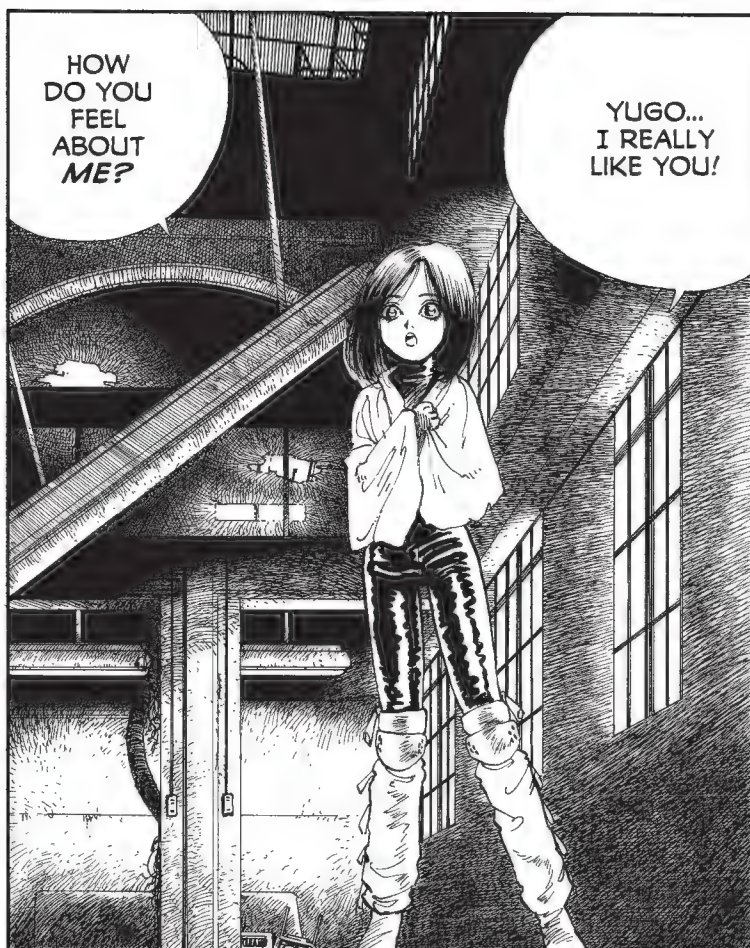
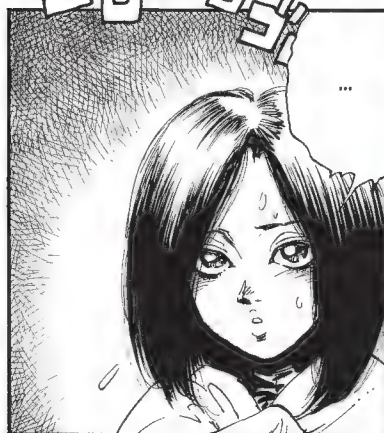
THIS WAS THE
OLD FACTORY
WHERE WE
FIRST MET...





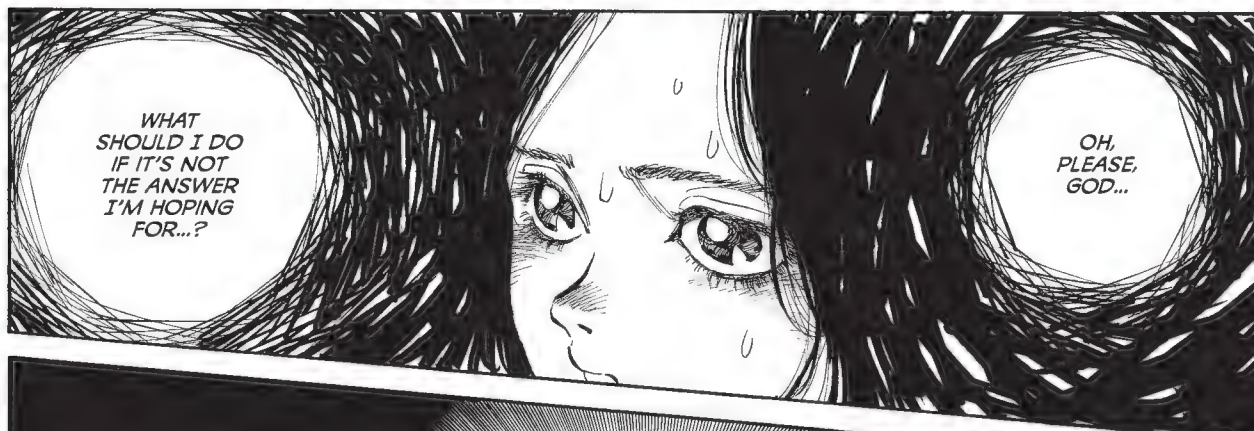






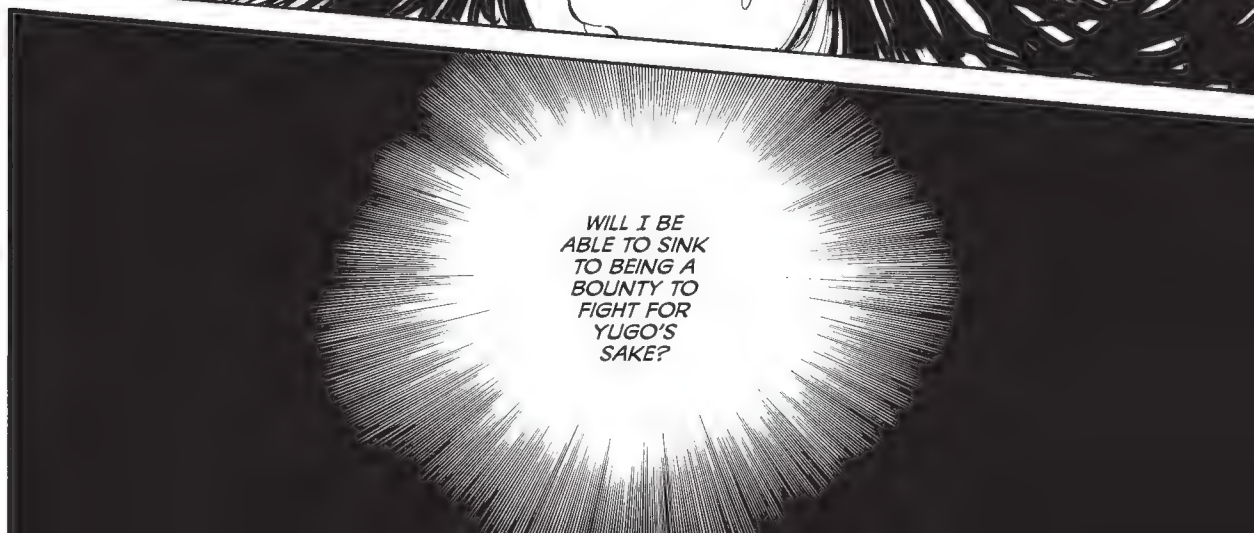
HOW
DO YOU
FEEL
ABOUT
ME?

YUGO...
I REALLY
LIKE YOU!



WHAT
SHOULD I DO
IF IT'S NOT
THE ANSWER
I'M HOPING
FOR...?

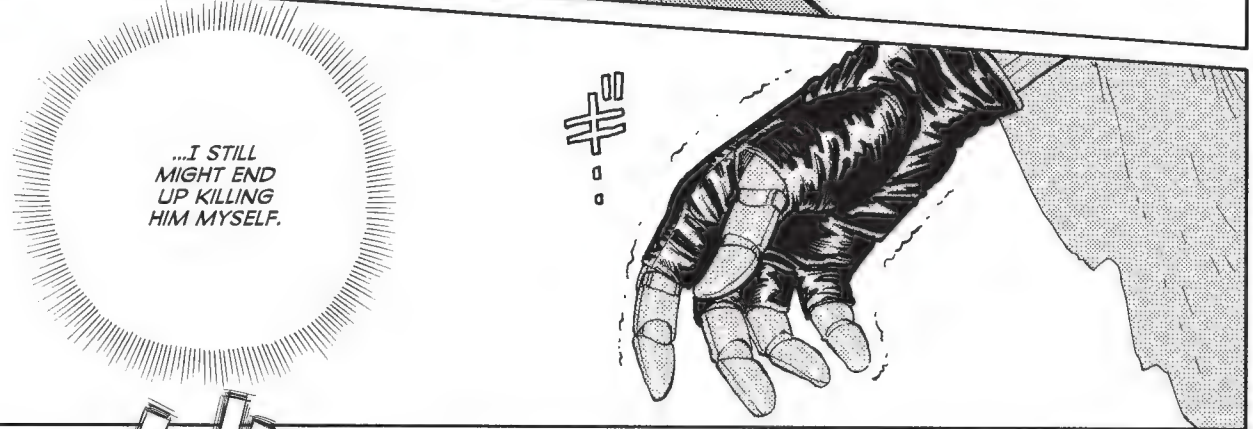
OH,
PLEASE,
GOD...



WILL I BE
ABLE TO SINK
TO BEING A
BOUNTY TO
FIGHT FOR
YUGO'S
SAKE?



IF I
DO...



...I STILL
MIGHT END
UP KILLING
HIM MYSELF.



ANSWER
MY QUES-
TION!!

CRASH



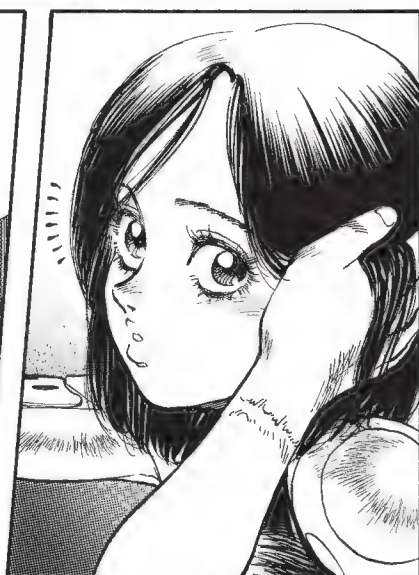
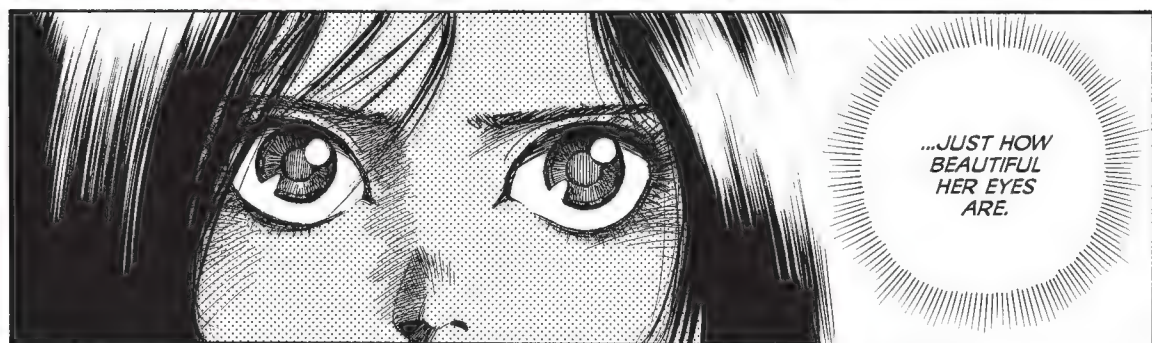
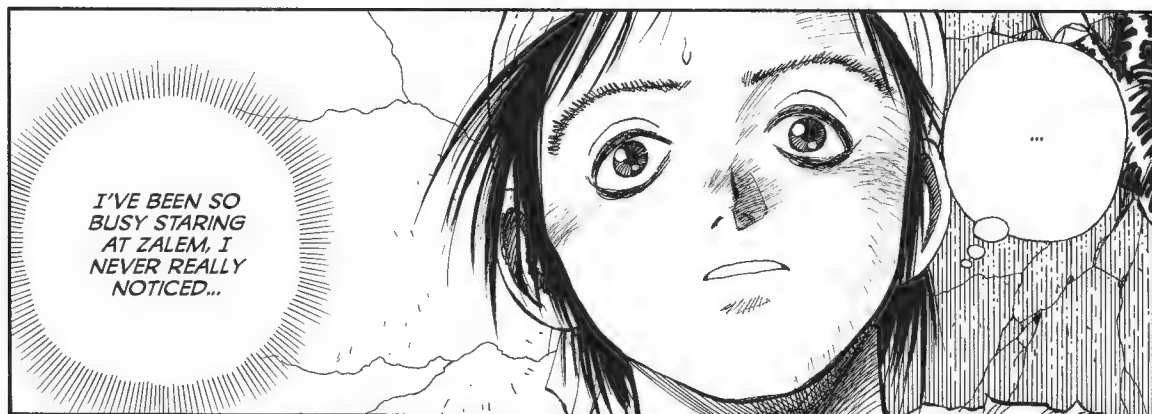
WH-WHAT
KINDA NON-
SENSE ARE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT? GO
HOME, KIDDO.

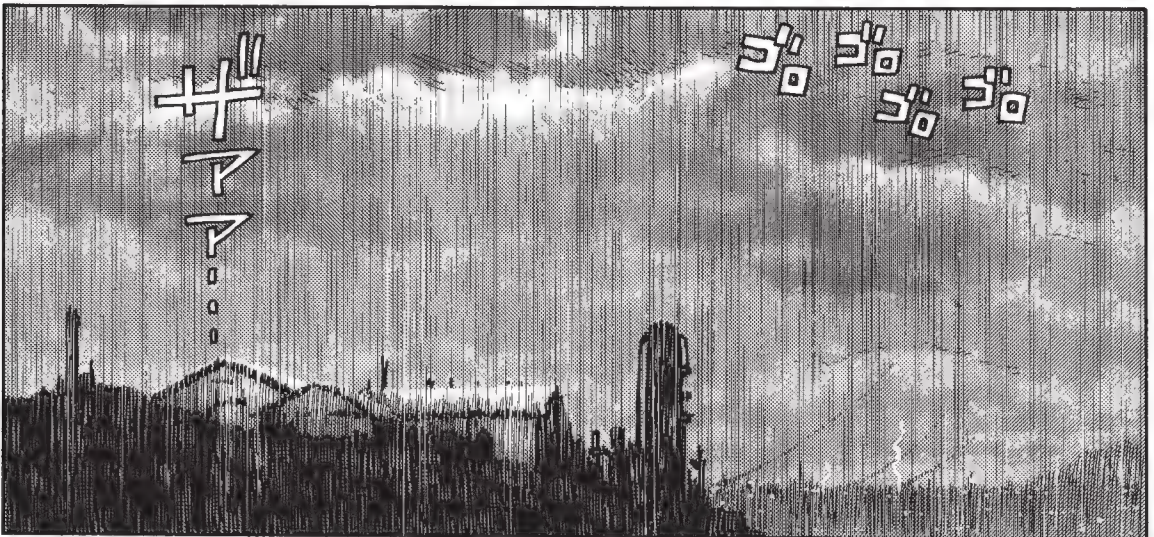
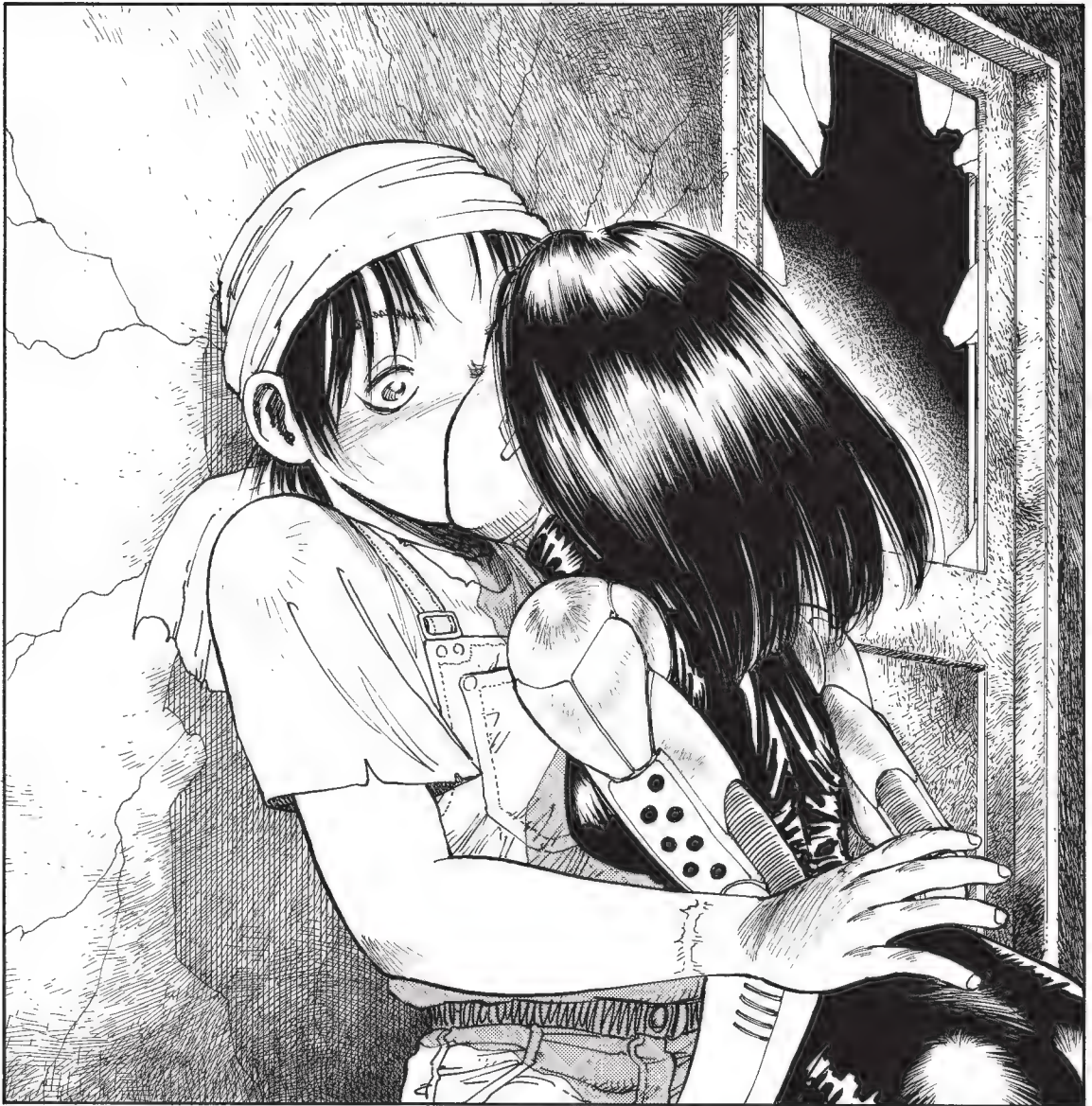
AHA
HA
HA...

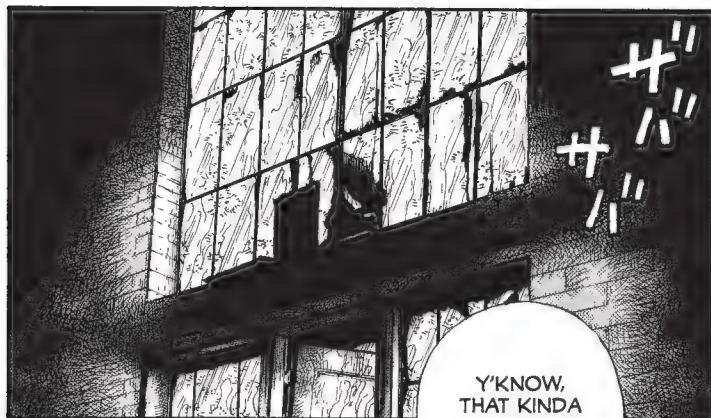


...I'LL
CRACK
MY OWN
SKULL SO
I DIE!

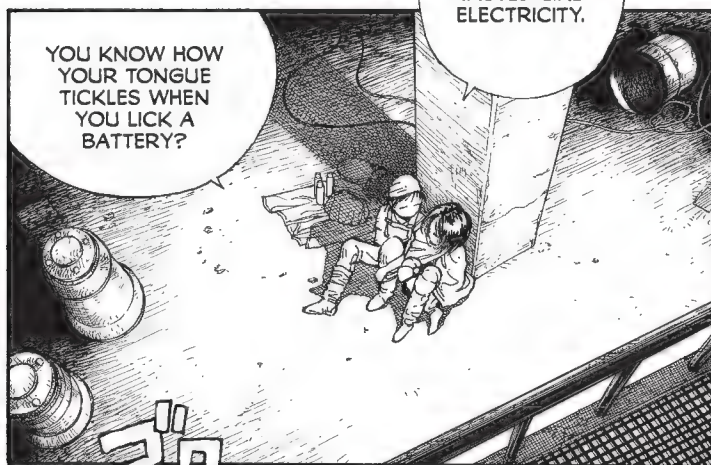
IF
I DO KILL
YUGO...



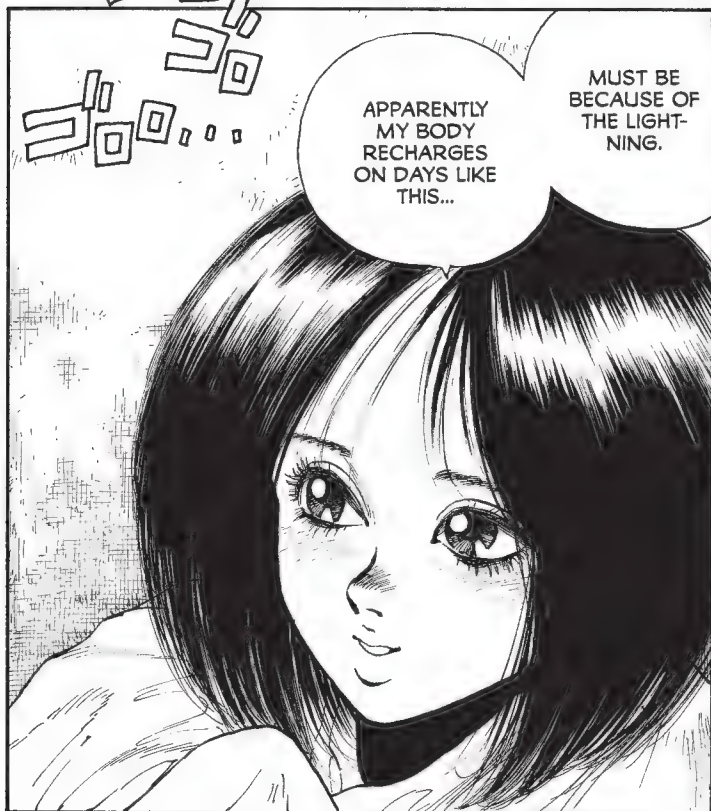




Y'KNOW,
THAT KINDA
TASTED LIKE
ELECTRICITY.

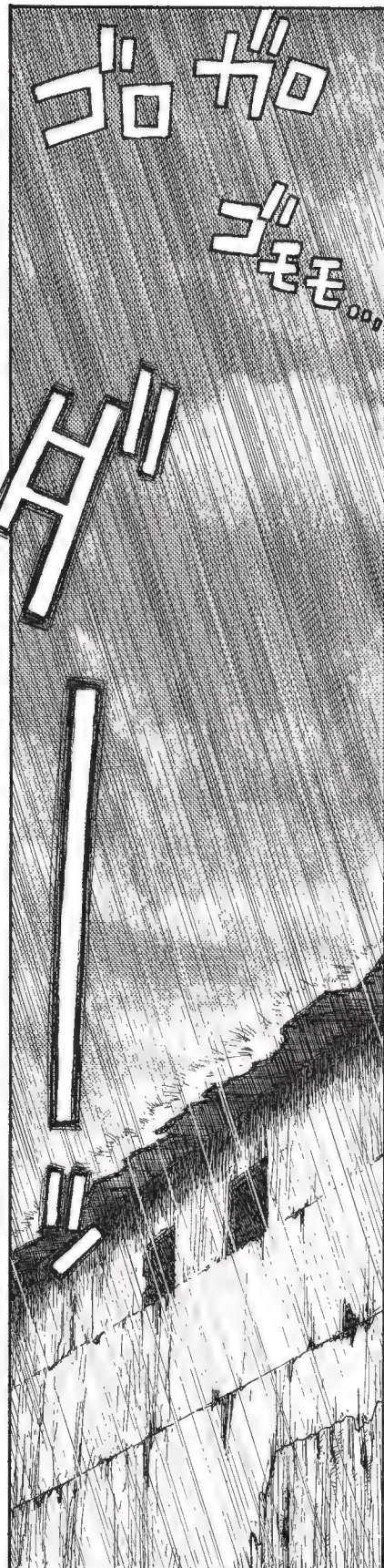


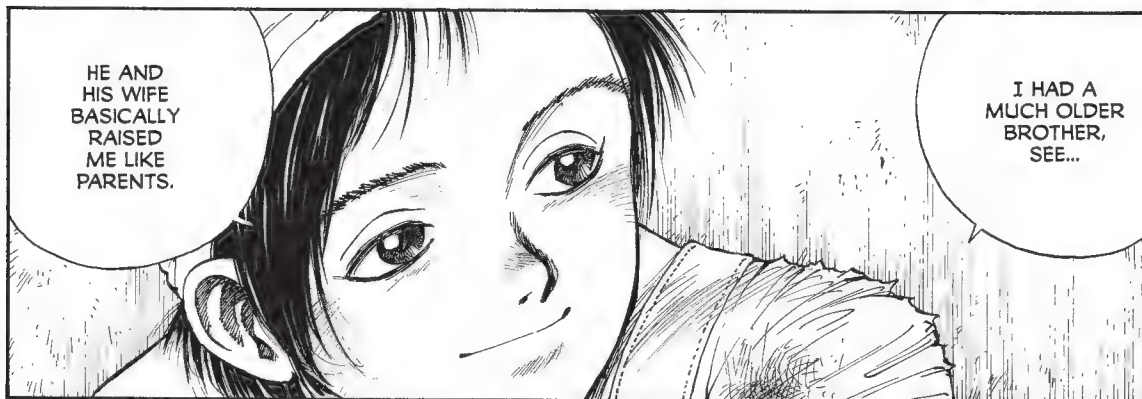
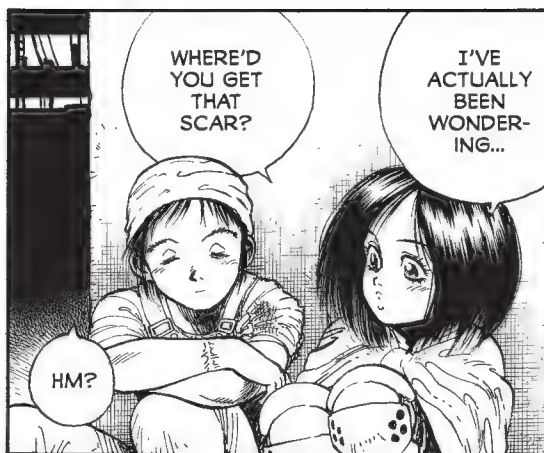
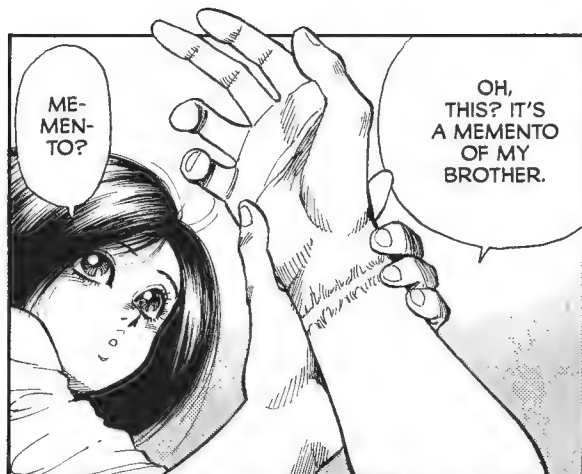
YOU KNOW HOW
YOUR TONGUE
TICKLES WHEN
YOU LICK A
BATTERY?

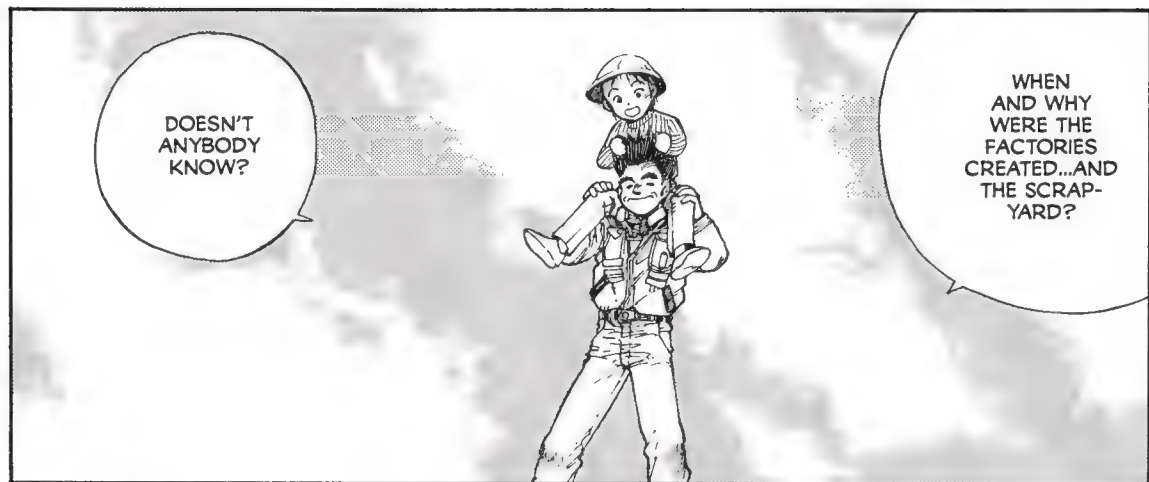
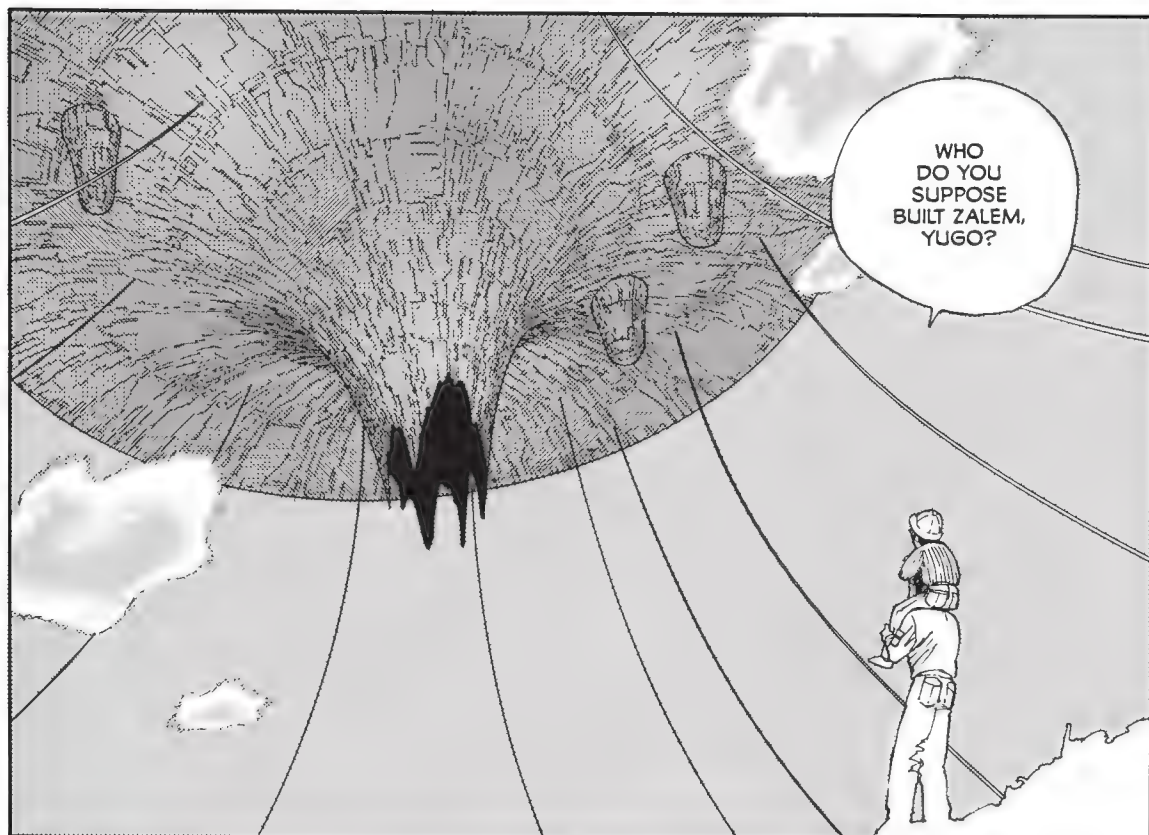


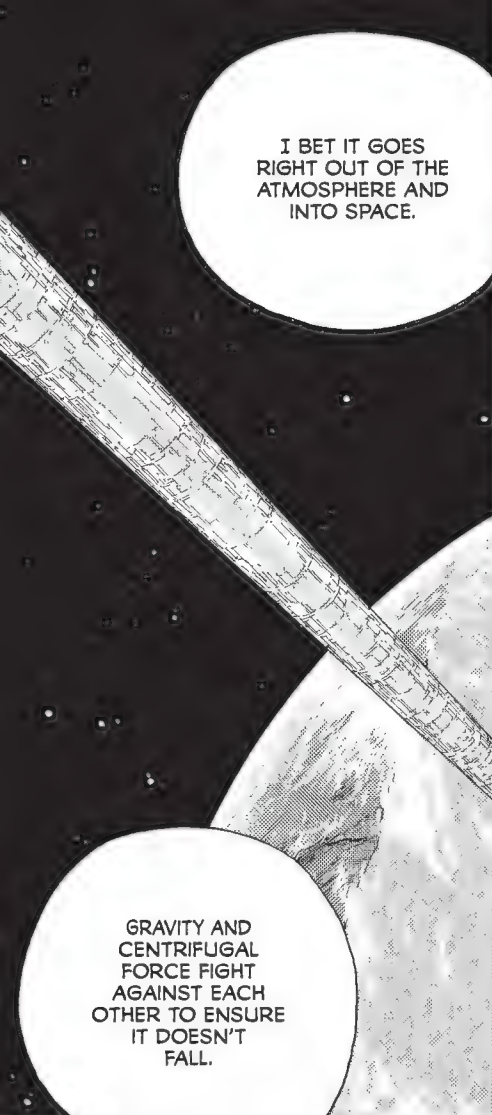
APPARENTLY
MY BODY
RECHARGES
ON DAYS LIKE
THIS...

MUST BE
BECAUSE OF
THE LIGHT-
NING.









I BET IT GOES
RIGHT OUT OF THE
ATMOSPHERE AND
INTO SPACE.

GRAVITY AND
CENTRIFUGAL
FORCE FIGHT
AGAINST EACH
OTHER TO ENSURE
IT DOESN'T
FALL.



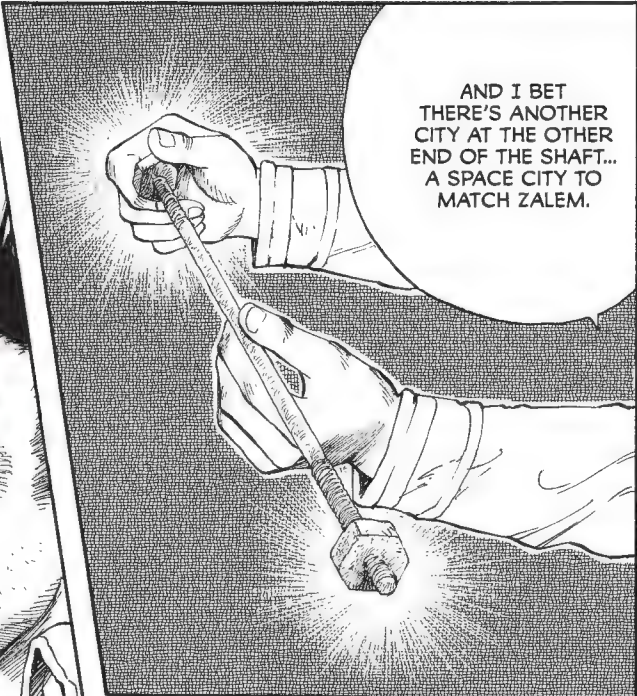
WHY
DOESN'T
IT FALL
OVER?

WHERE
DOES
ZALEM'S
CENTER
SHAFT
GO?

MY THEORY IS
THAT THE SHAFT
ISN'T STICKING
OUT OF ZALEM—
THE CITY IS
HANGING *FROM*
THE SHAFT.



I'M CERTAIN
THAT THERE'S
ANOTHER WORLD
OUT THERE IN
SPACE THAT
BEGGARS THE
IMAGINATION!



AND I BET
THERE'S ANOTHER
CITY AT THE OTHER
END OF THE SHAFT...
A SPACE CITY TO
MATCH ZALEM.



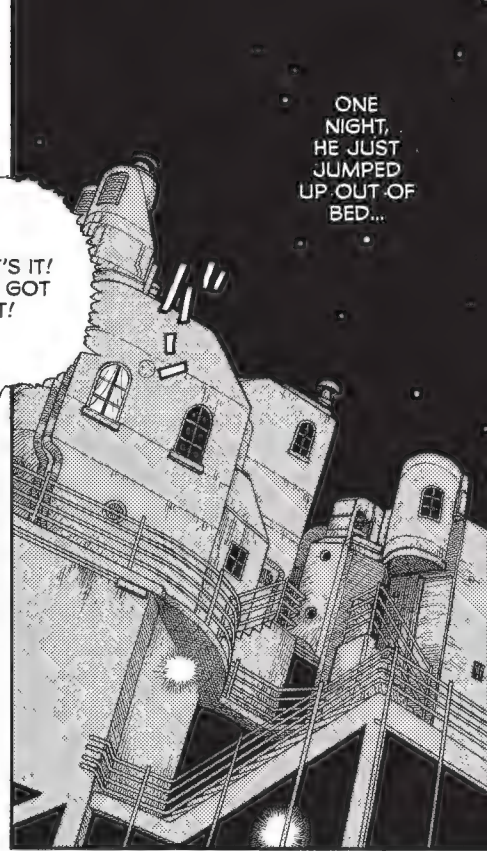
OHhh...



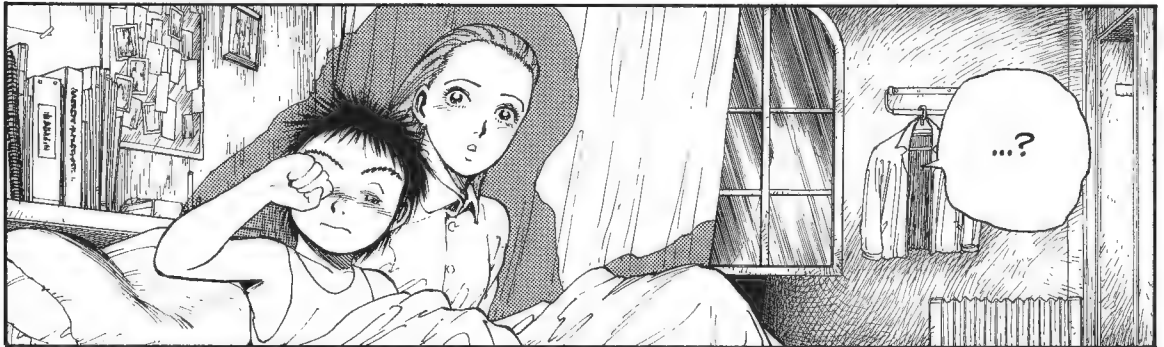
NANA!
YUGO!

I'M
GOING
TO FLY!!

THAT'S IT!
I'VE GOT
IT!



ONE
NIGHT,
HE JUST
JUMPED
UP OUT OF
BED...

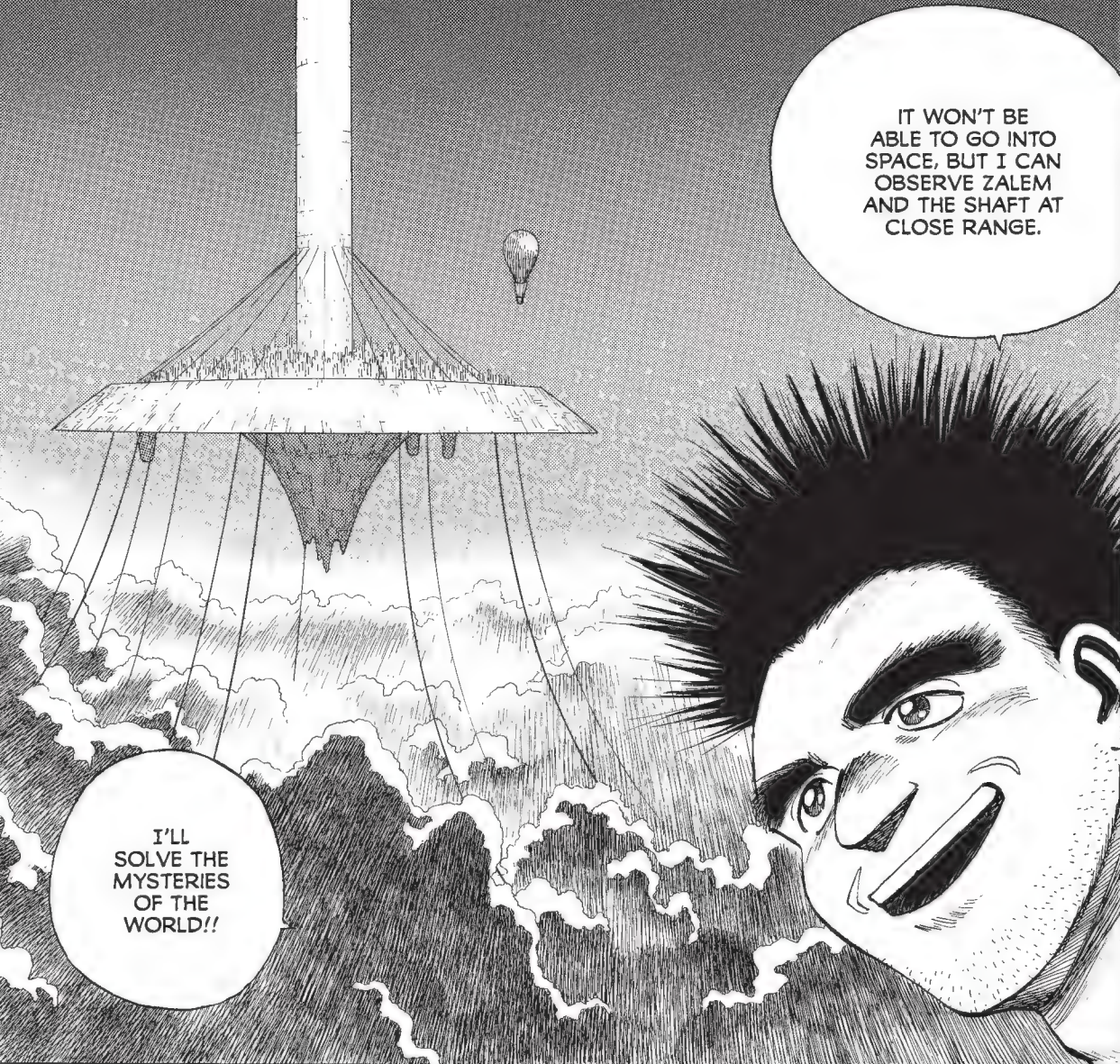


...?



WE'LL LOAD
A FEW WEEKS'
WORTH OF
FOOD ON THE
GONDOLA,
SEE...

HE STARTED
FORMULATING
A PLAN TO CREATE
A BALLOON BIG
ENOUGH TO
SUPPORT A
PERSON.



IT WON'T BE
ABLE TO GO INTO
SPACE, BUT I CAN
OBSERVE ZALEM
AND THE SHAFT AT
CLOSE RANGE.

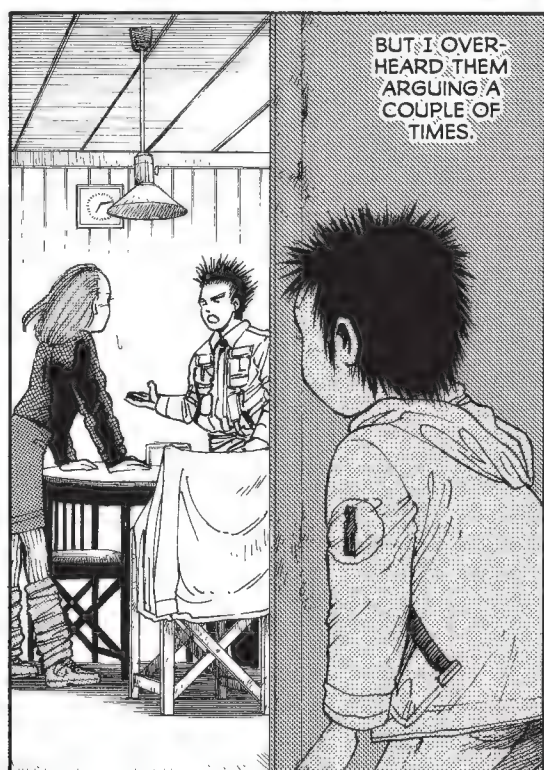
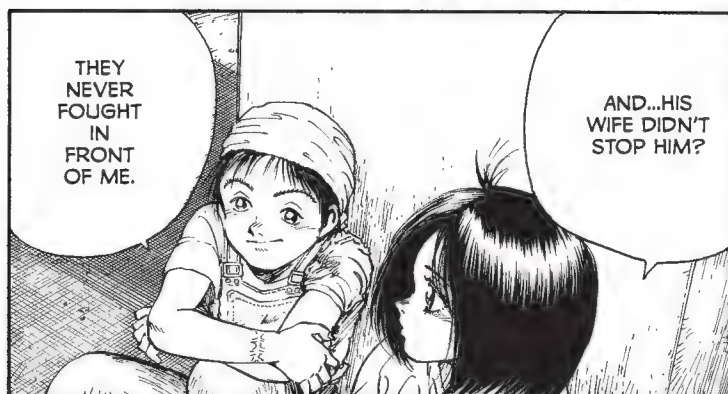
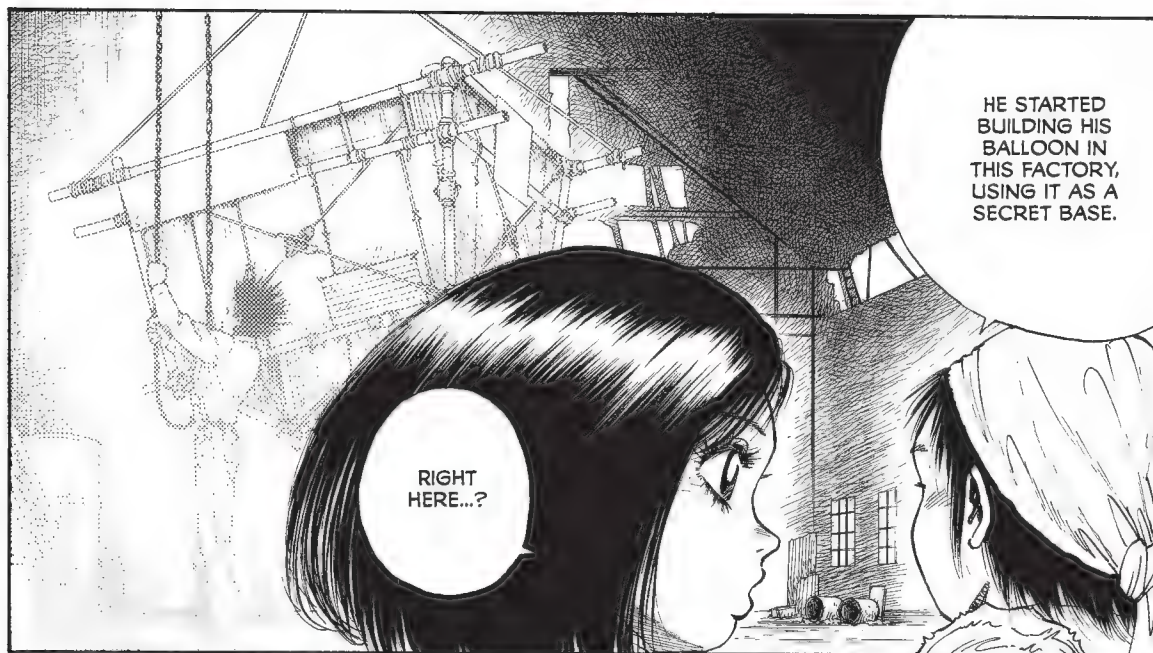
I'LL
SOLVE THE
MYSTERIES OF
THE
WORLD!!

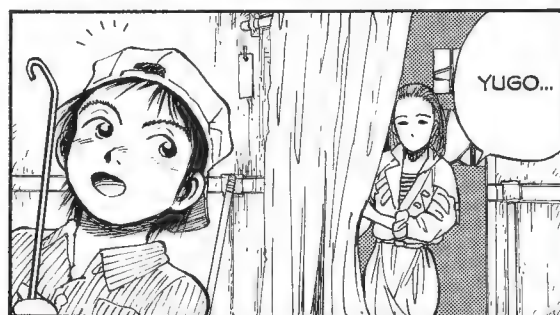
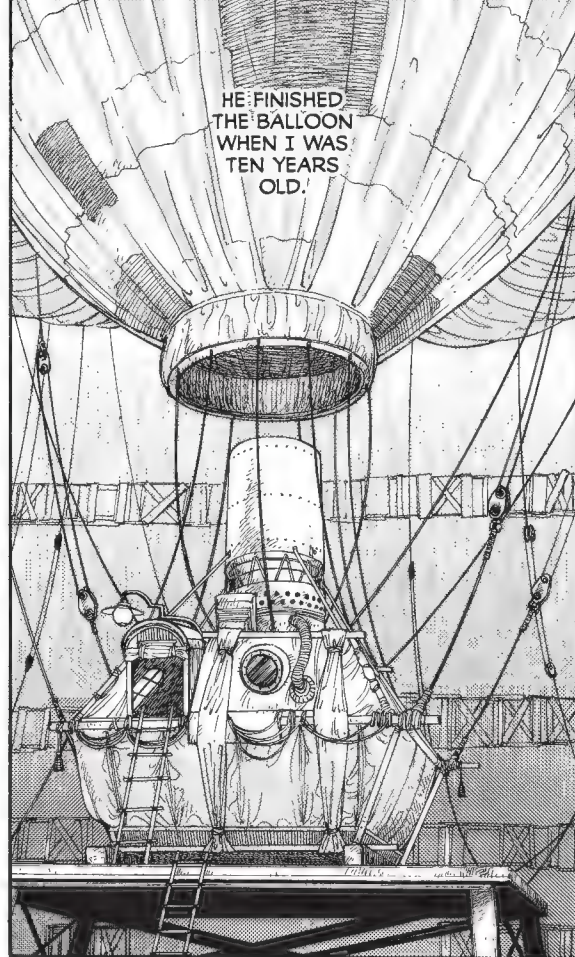
AND
WHO'S GOING
TO STOP ME
WHEN I'M UP
THERE? HUNTERS
CAN'T FLY
EITHER!

IT'S
A TOP-
SECRET
PROJECT!!

BUT YOU KNOW
THAT CREATING AND
USING FLYING TOOLS
IS AGAINST THE
LAW!

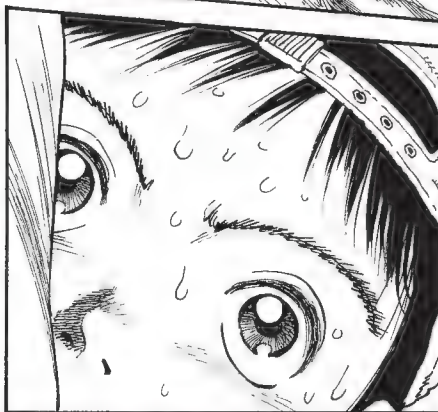
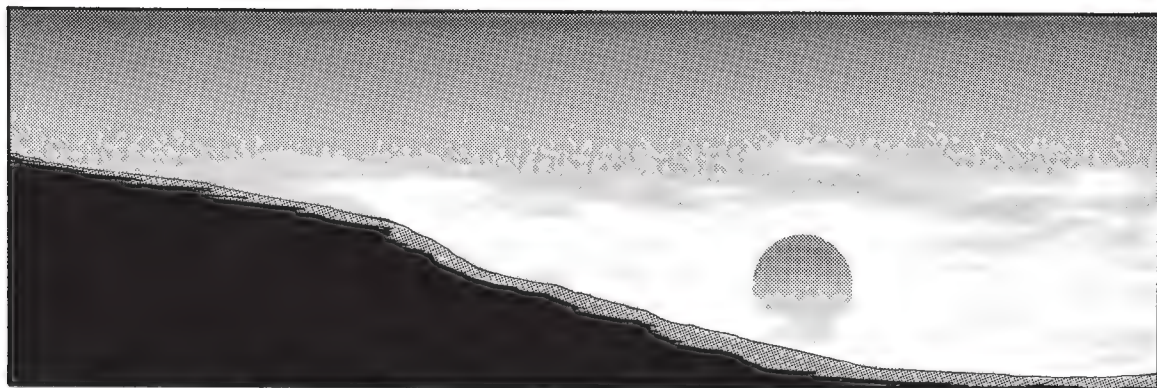
WOW!
THAT'S SO
COOL!

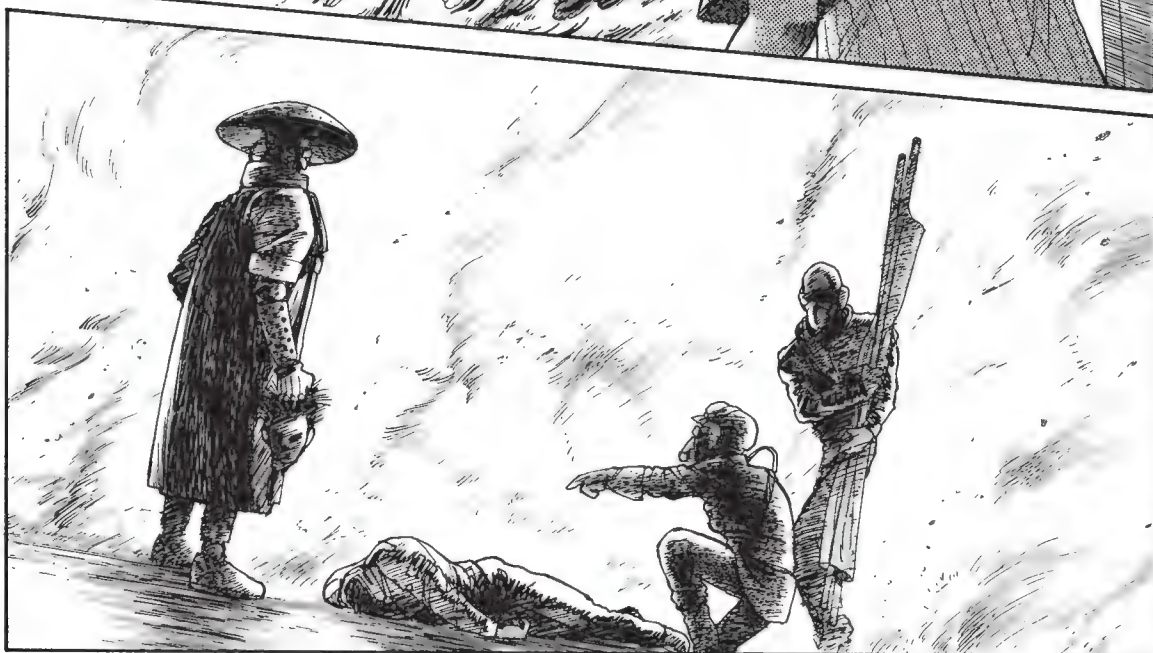


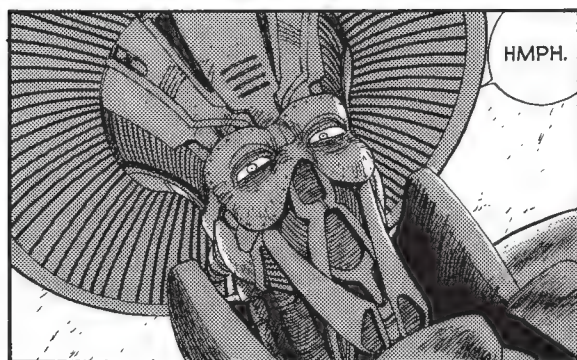
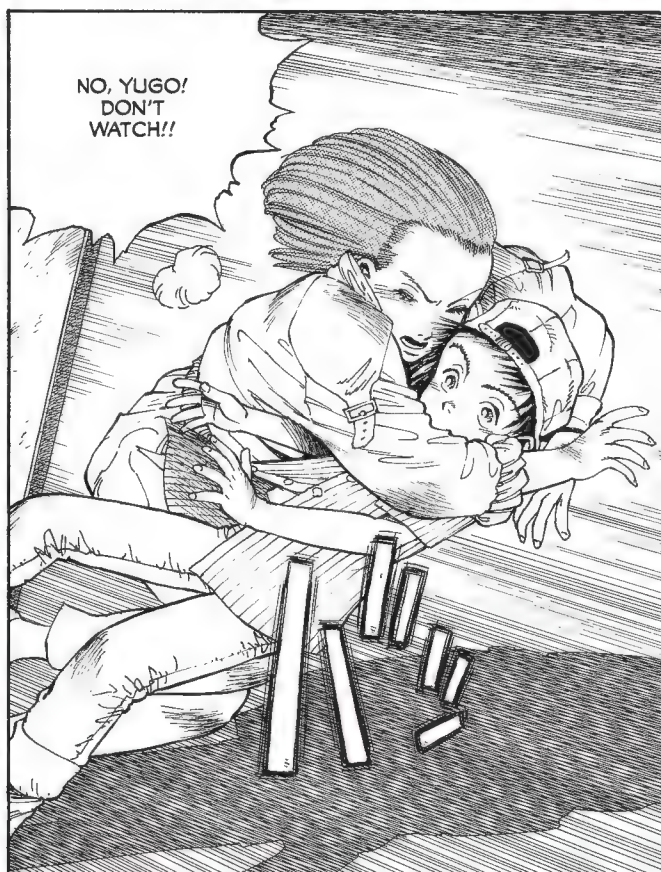
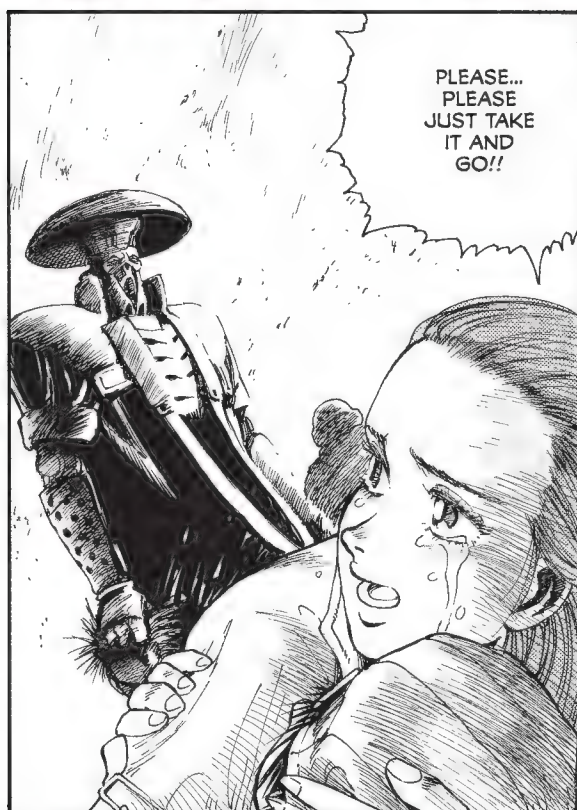
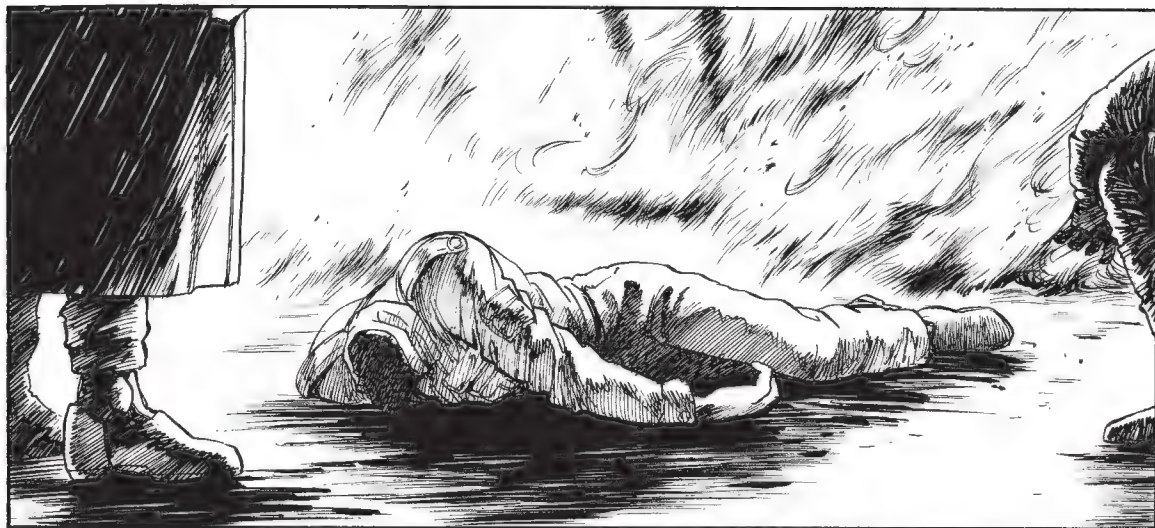


THERE WAS SOMETHING UNNATURAL ABOUT THE WAY MY SISTER-IN-LAW WAS ACTING THAT DAY...



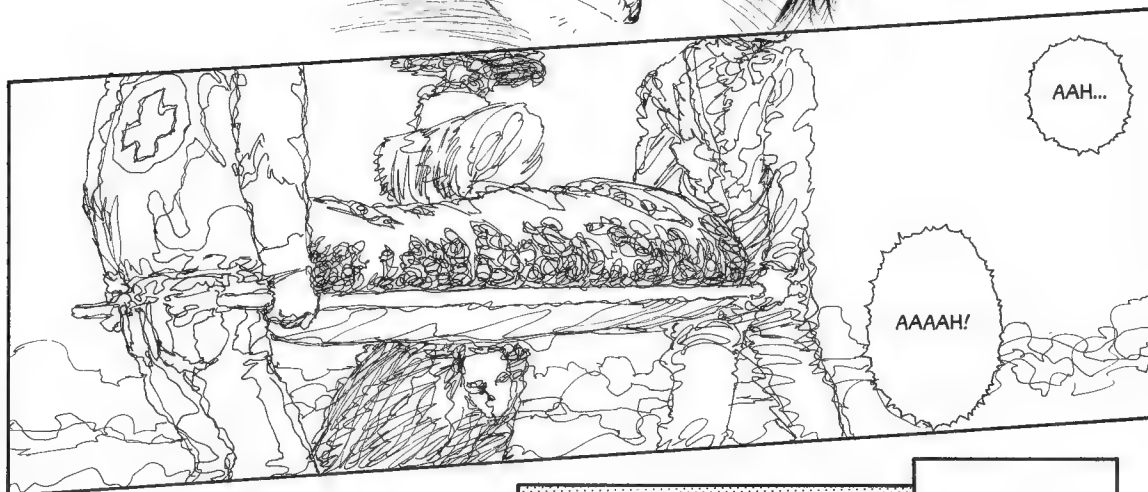






SHE HAD
BETRAYED US!
SHE SOLD HIM
OUT TO A
HUNTER-
WARRIOR!

THAT
WAS WHEN
I FIGURED
IT OUT.



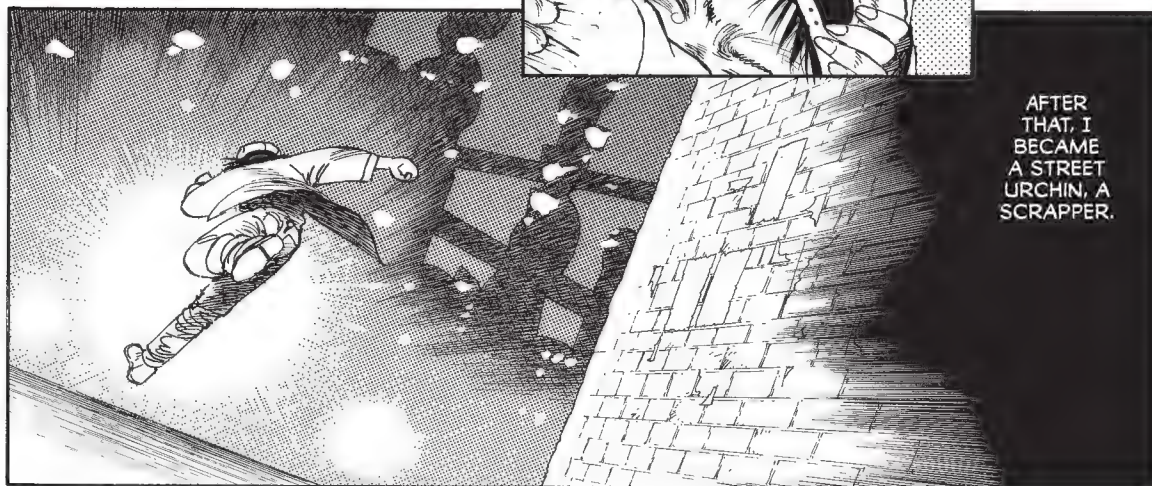
AAH...

AAAAH!

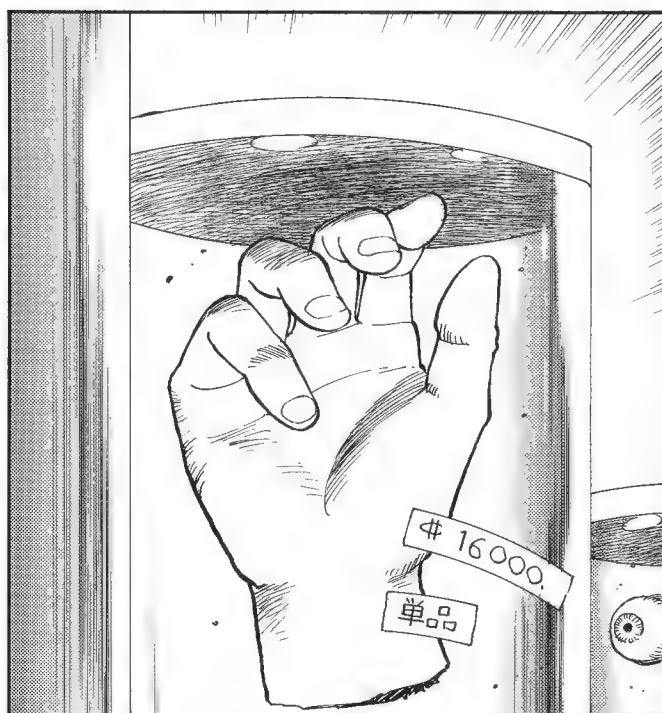
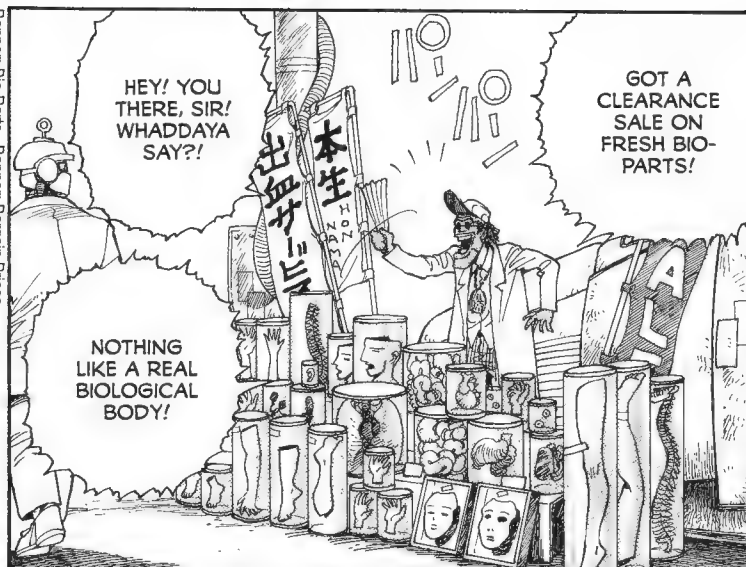
...BUT I
COULDN'T
TAKE IT ANY-
MORE. I RAN
AWAY FROM
HOME.



SHE
TRIED
TO KEEP
GOING
AND
RAISE
ME ON
HER
OWN...

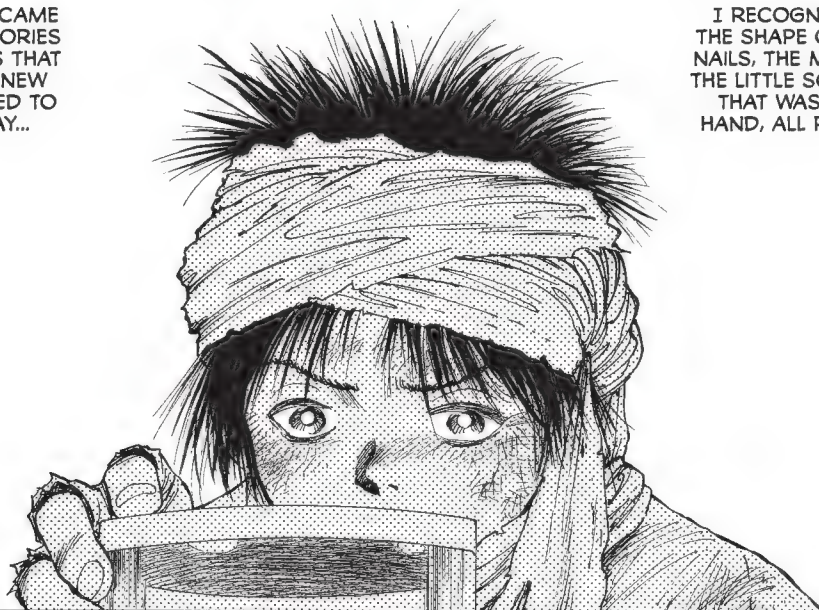


AFTER
THAT, I
BECAME
A STREET
URCHIN, A
SCRAPPER.



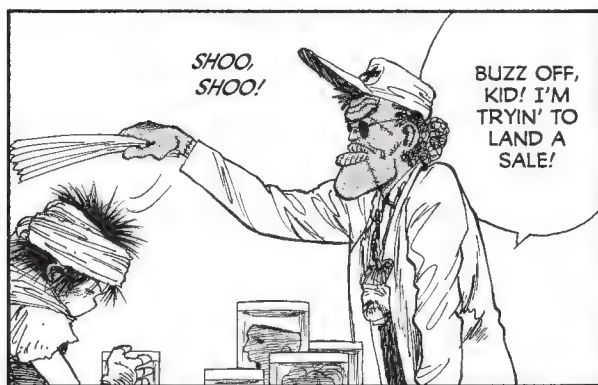
AND WITH IT CAME
ALL THE MEMORIES
AND DREAMS THAT
MY ROUGH NEW
LIFE HAD TRIED TO
WASH AWAY...

I RECOGNIZED
THE SHAPE OF HIS
NAILS, THE MOLES,
THE LITTLE SCARS...
THAT WAS HIS
HAND, ALL RIGHT.



SHOO,
SHOO!

BUZZ OFF,
KID! I'M
TRYIN' TO
LAND A
SALE!

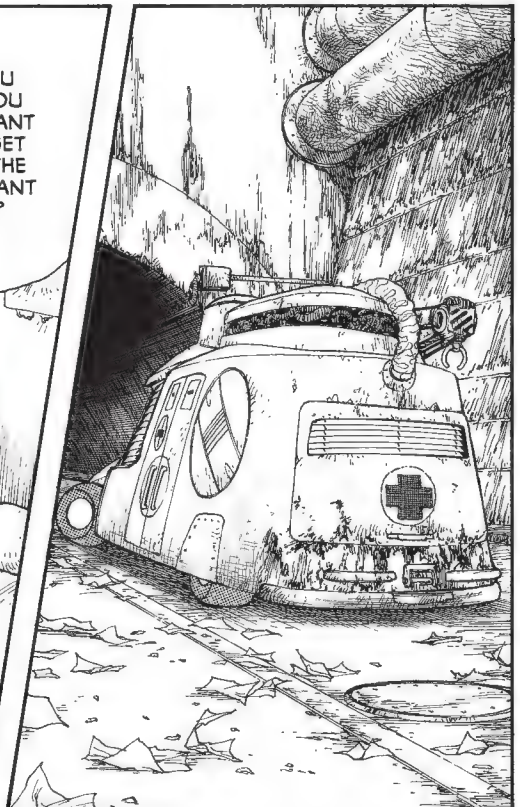
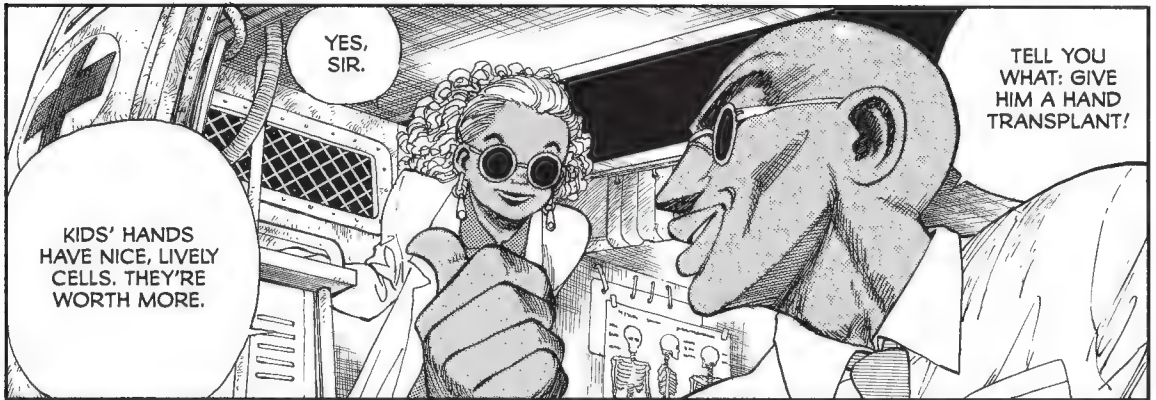
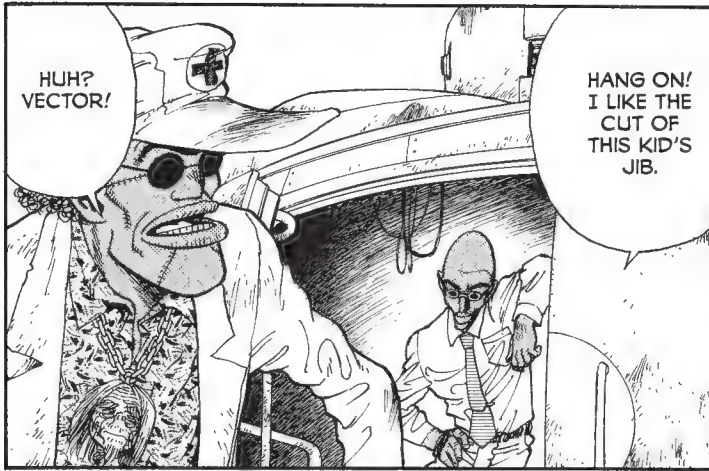


I'LL TRADE
YOU THIS
HAND FOR
MINE!!

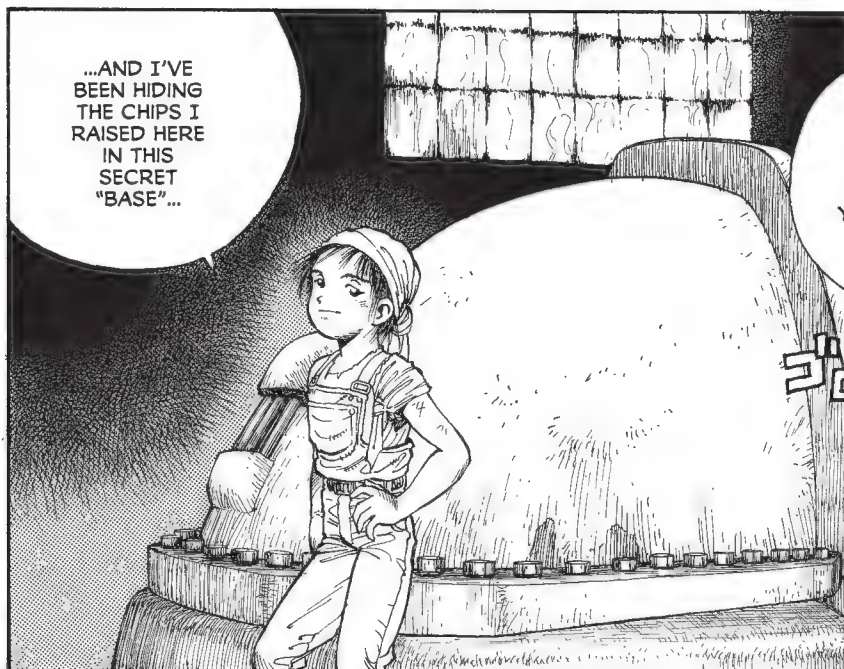


HEY,
MISTER...









...AND I'VE
BEEN HIDING
THE CHIPS I
RAISED HERE
IN THIS
SECRET
"BASE"...

IT'S
BEEN
THREE
YEARS...

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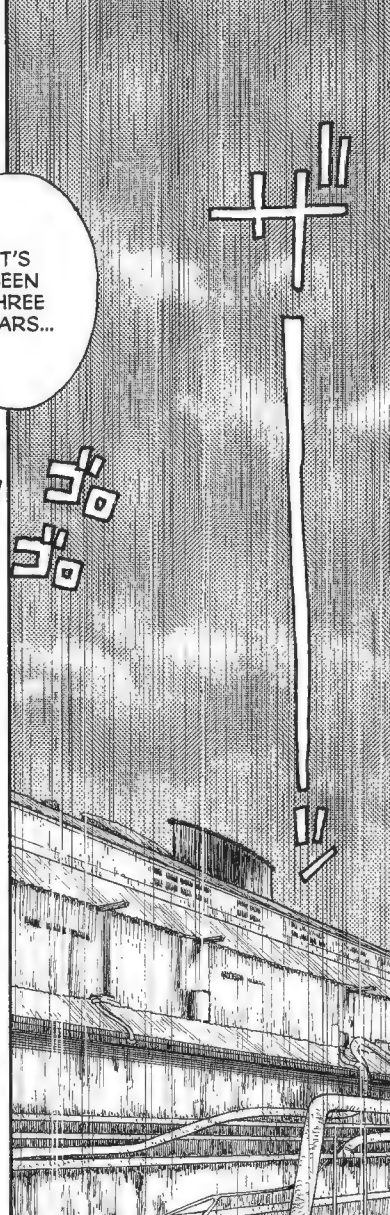
+



HALF
A MILLION
MORE, AND
I'M ON MY
WAY TO
ZALEM...

I'M AT
NINE AND
A HALF
MILLION.

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DUNNO.
PROBABLY
FOUND A NEW
HUSBAND BY
THIS POINT.

WHAT'S
YOUR
BROTHER'S
WIFE
DOING
NOW?

WHEN THE
PERSON YOU LOVE
IS ENTRANCED BY
SOMETHING MUCH
FURTHER AWAY
THAN YOU...IT'S
HARD NOT TO FEEL
JEALOUS.

I THINK...
I KNOW
HOW SHE
PROBABLY
FELT...

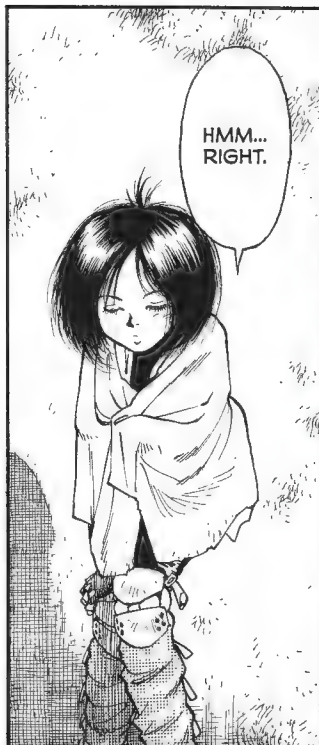
...BUT THEN SHE
FELL OFF...AND
FELT LIKE HE WAS
GIVING UP ON
HER *AND* THE
TOWN.

AT FIRST,
SHE PROB-
ABLY TRIED
HER BEST TO
SHARE IN HIS
VISION...

WH-WHOA,
YOU'RE
STARTIN'
TO *SCARE*
ME.

HA
HA...

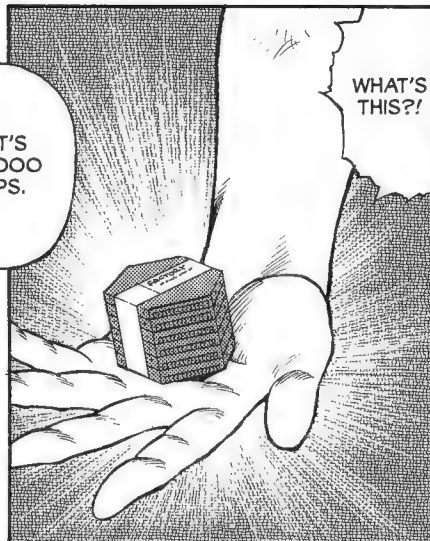
AND SO...
SHE KILLED
HIM.



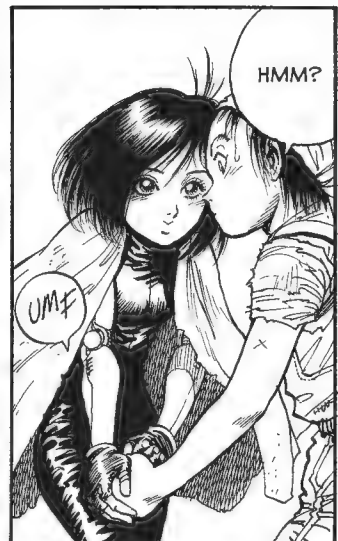


NOW
YOU CAN
GET TO
ZALEM
RIGHT
AWAY.

THAT'S
650,000
CHIPS.

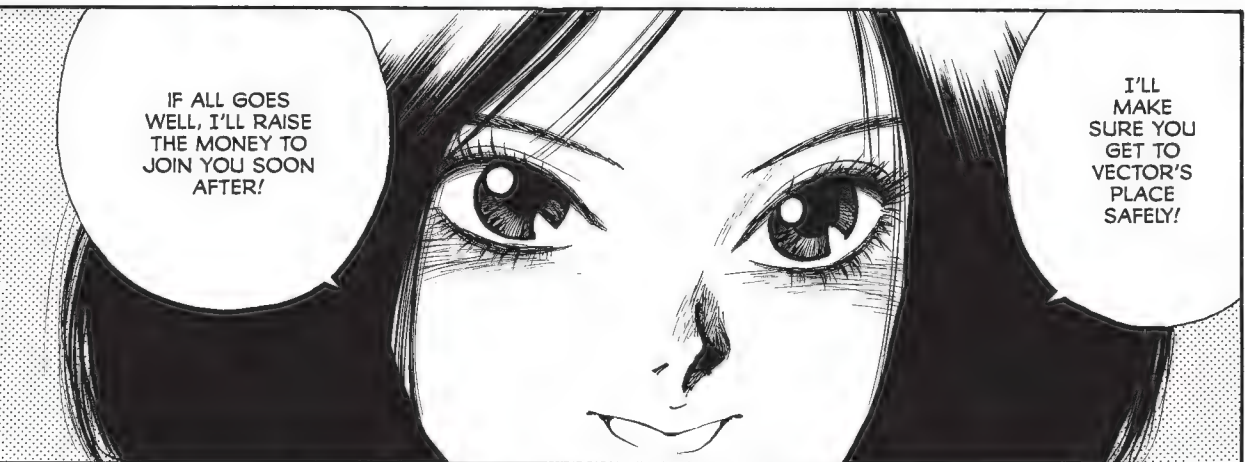


WHAT'S
THIS?!



HMM?

UMF



IF ALL GOES
WELL, I'LL RAISE
THE MONEY TO
JOIN YOU SOON
AFTER!

I'LL
MAKE
SURE YOU
GET TO
VECTOR'S
PLACE
SAFELY!

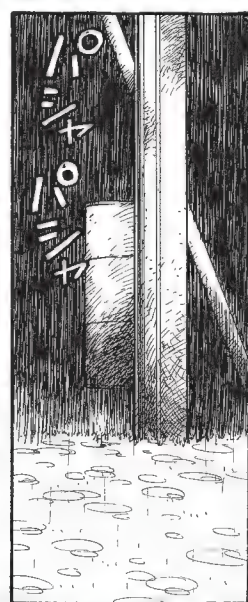
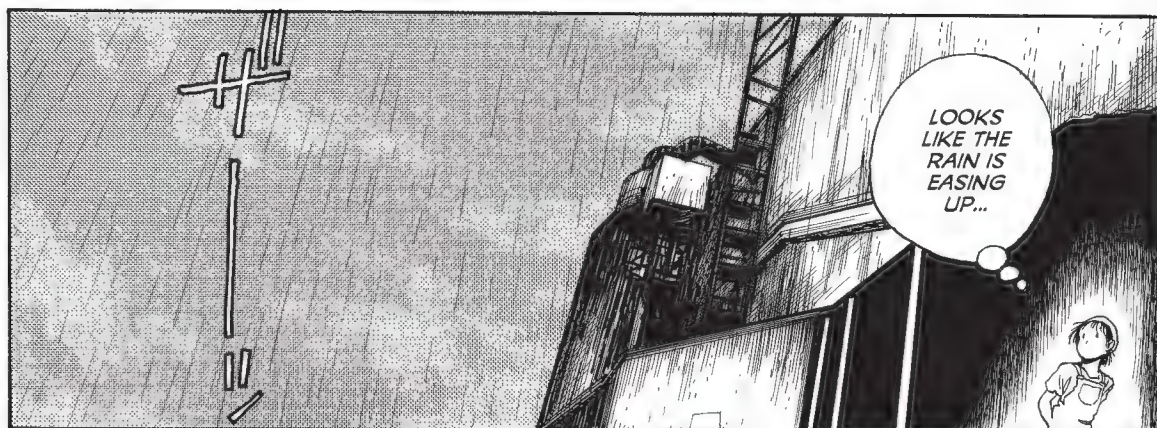


I
APPRECIATE
YOUR GIFT...



NOW I
JUST NEED
TO HEED THE
CALL OF
NATURE...



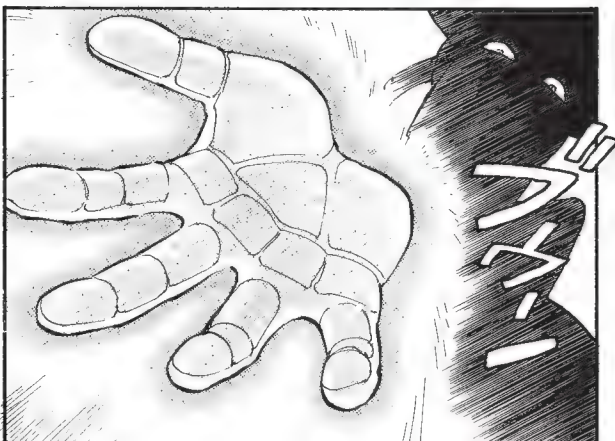


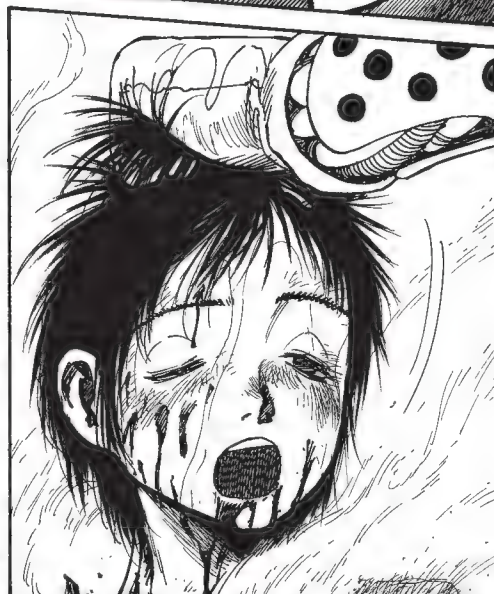
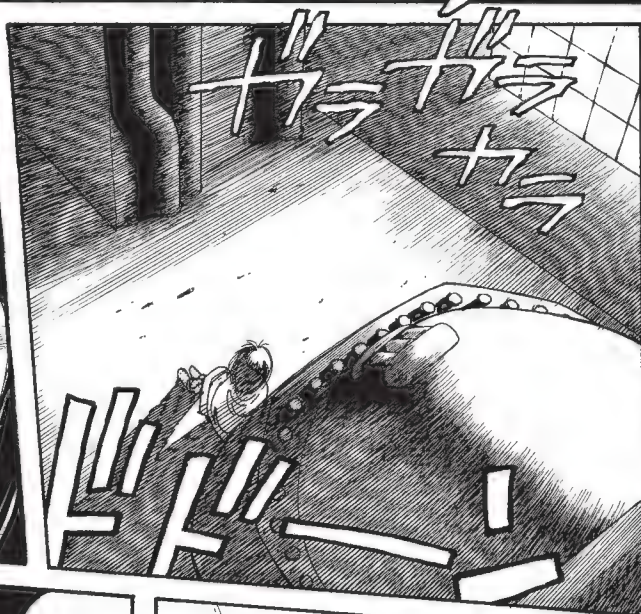
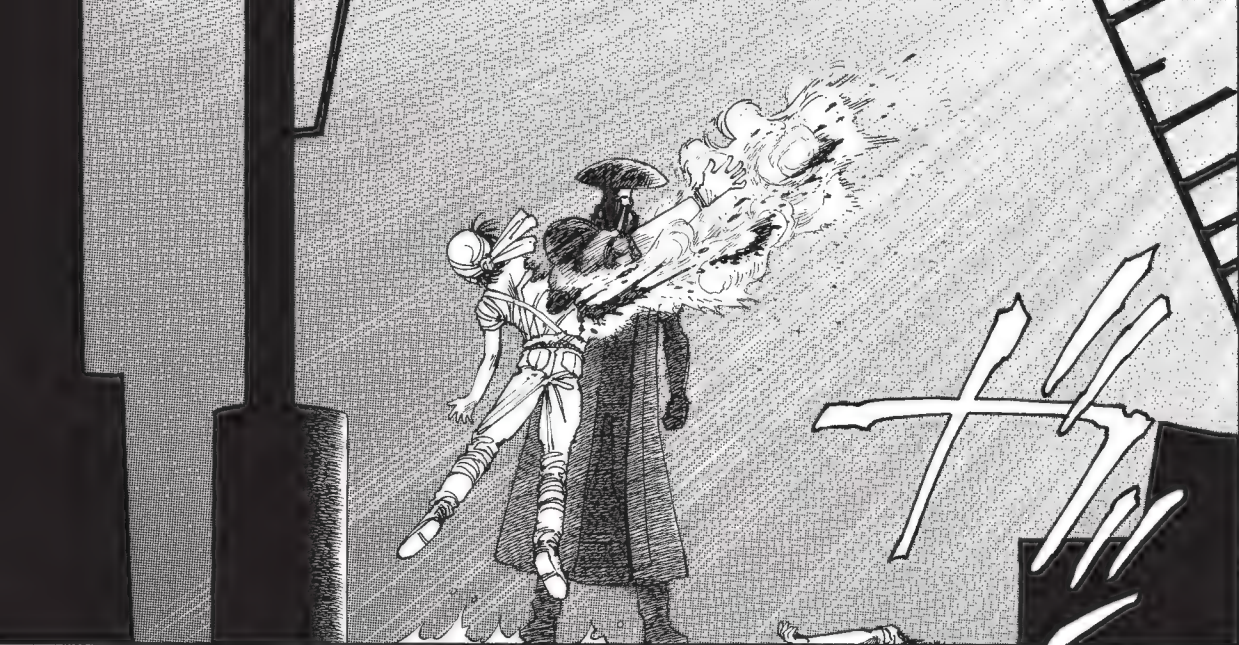


HOW LUCKY-
YOU GET TO FALL
TO THE SAME
MAN THAT YOUR
BROTHER
DID!!

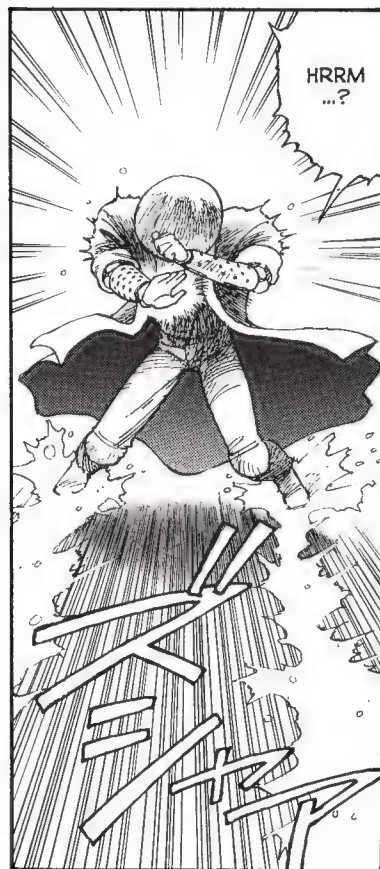


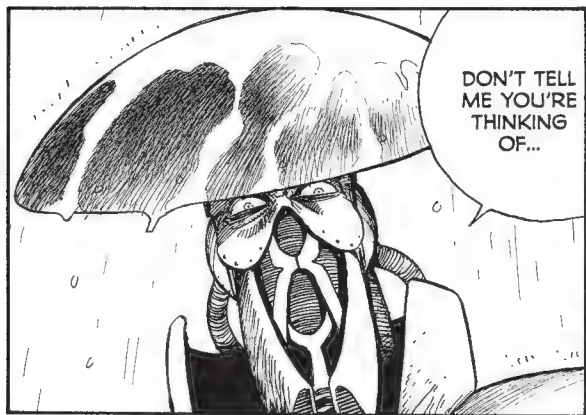
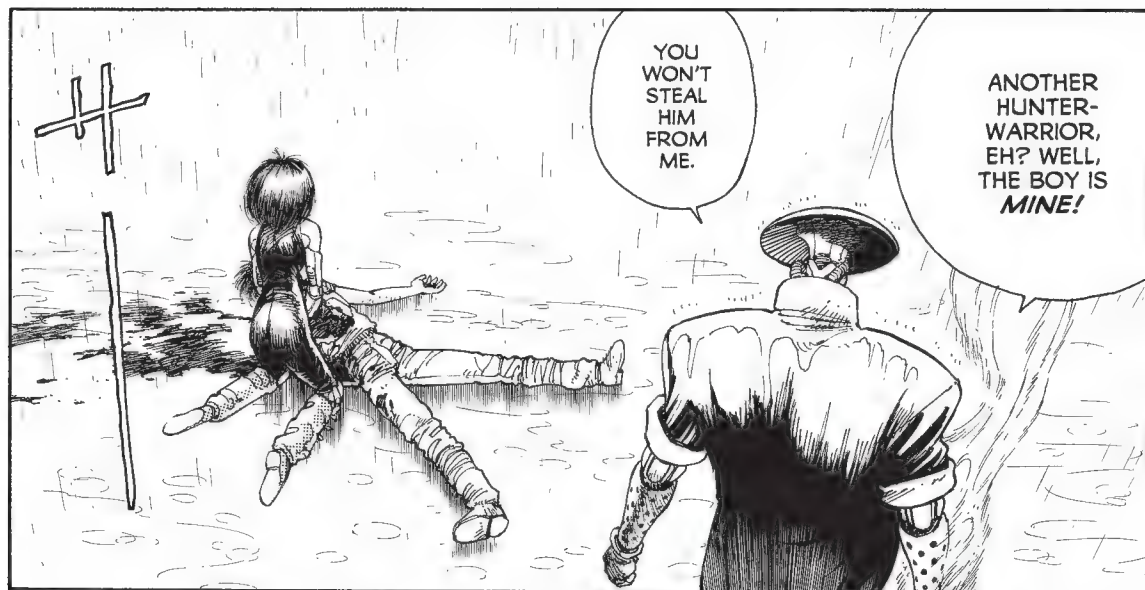
IT'S...
YOU!!

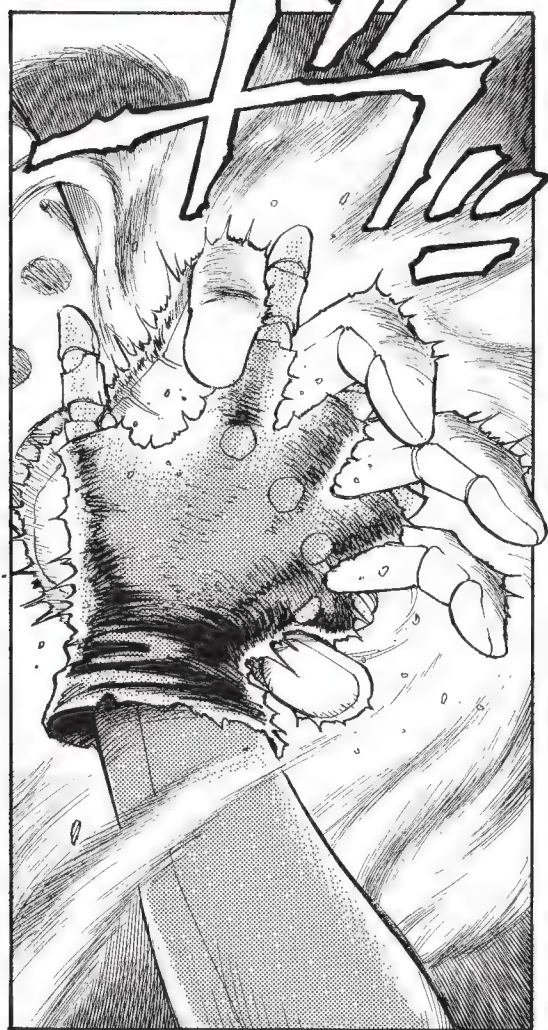
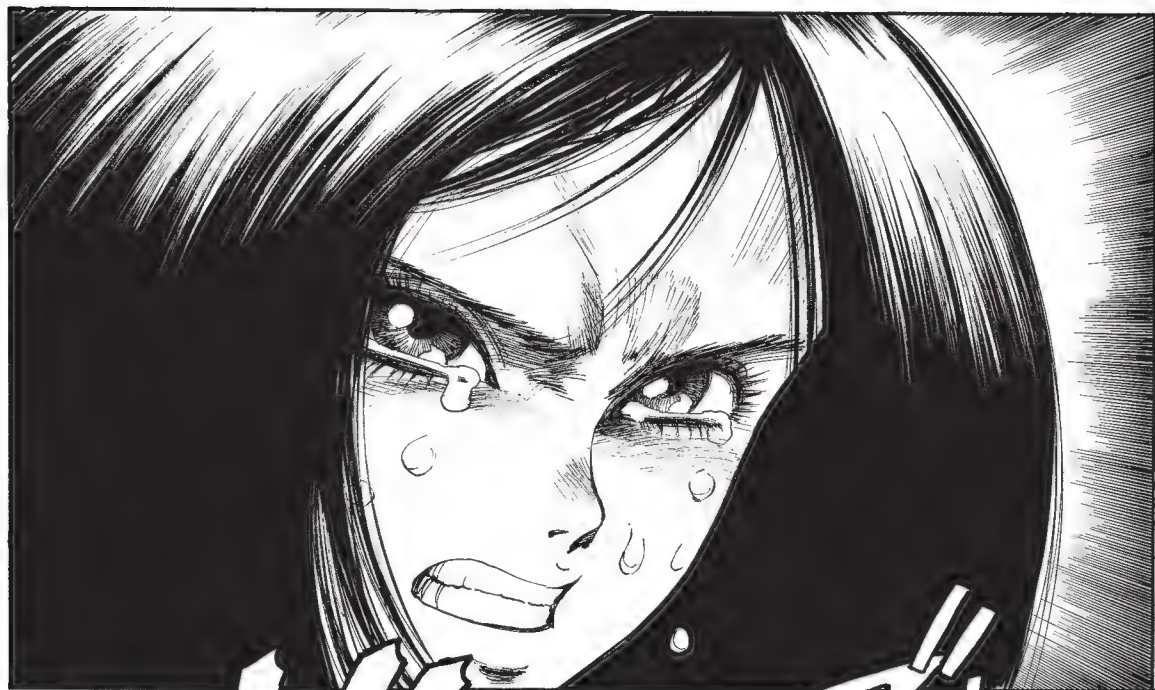


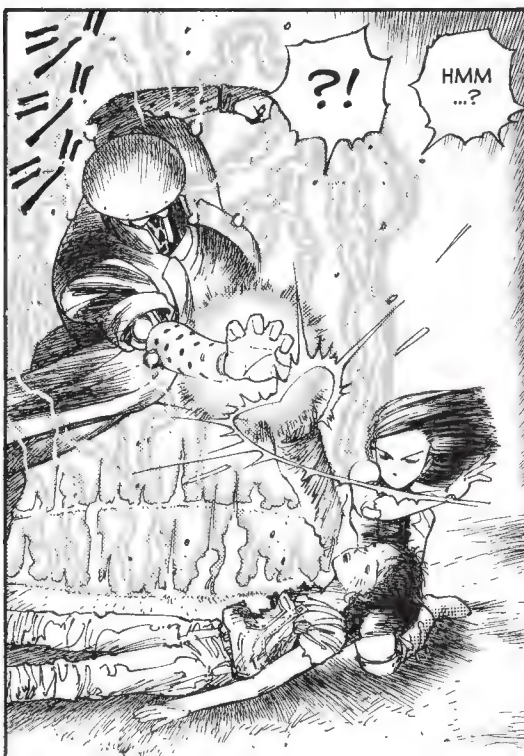
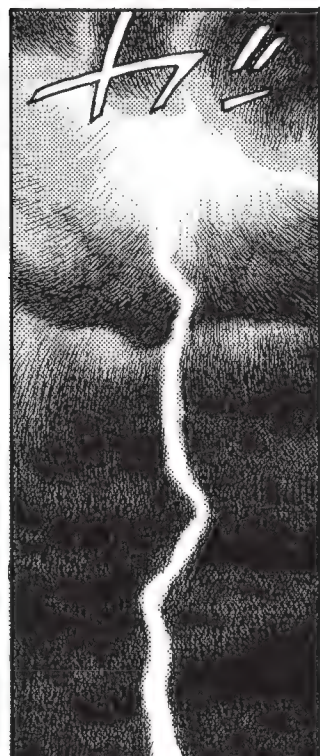
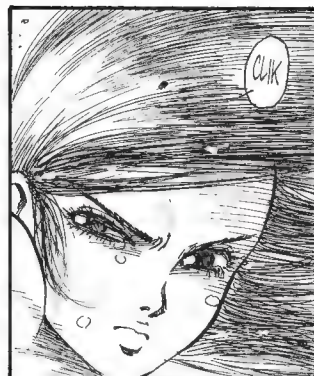
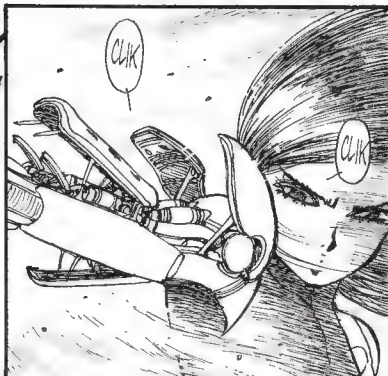


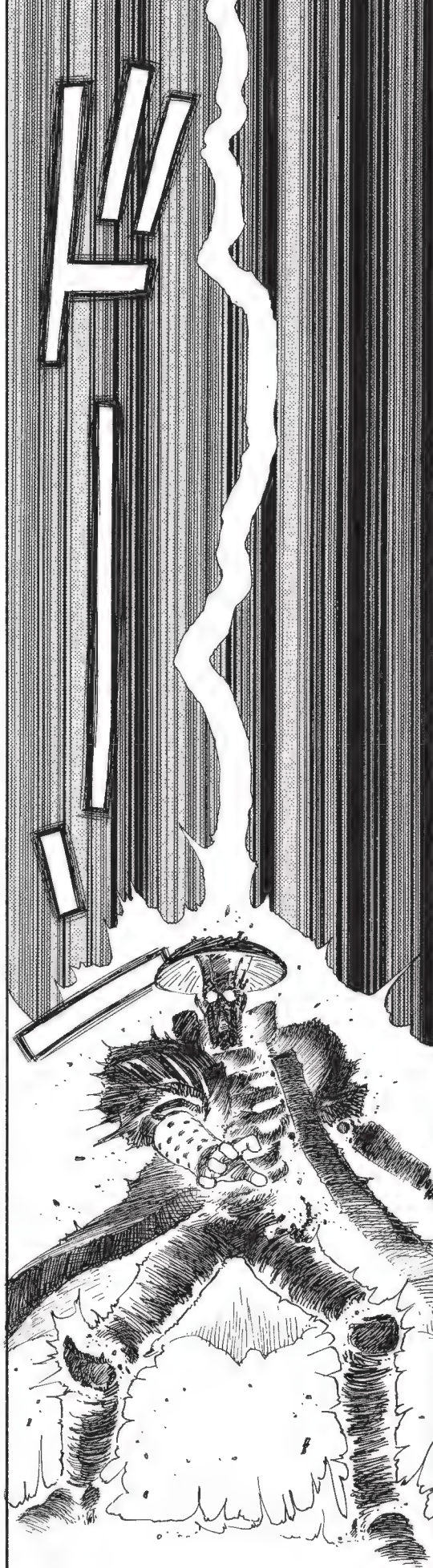
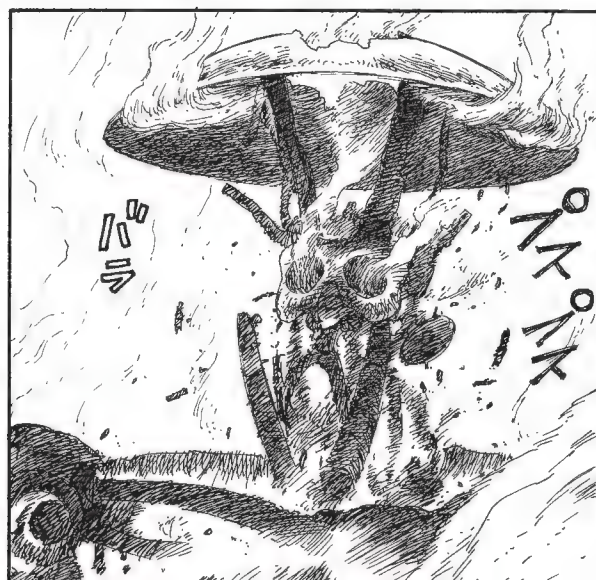
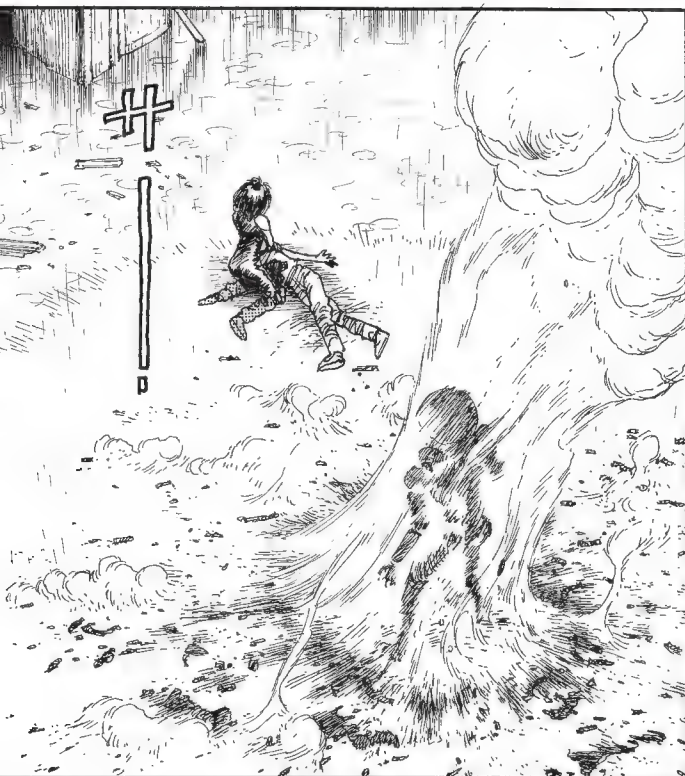
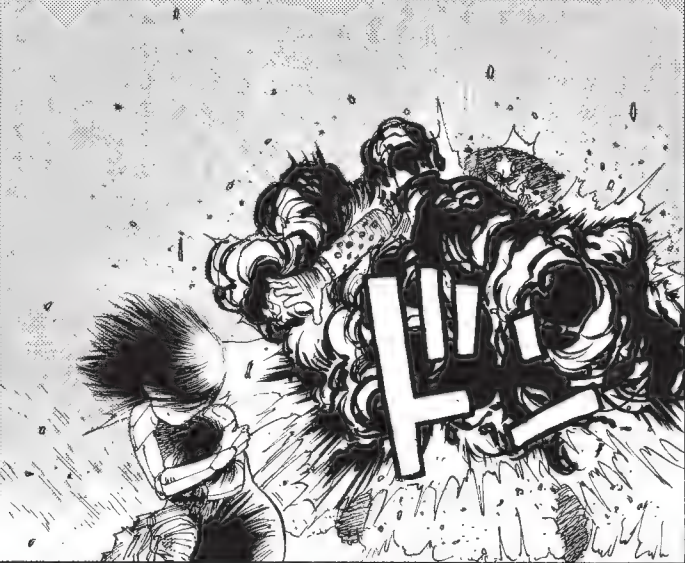
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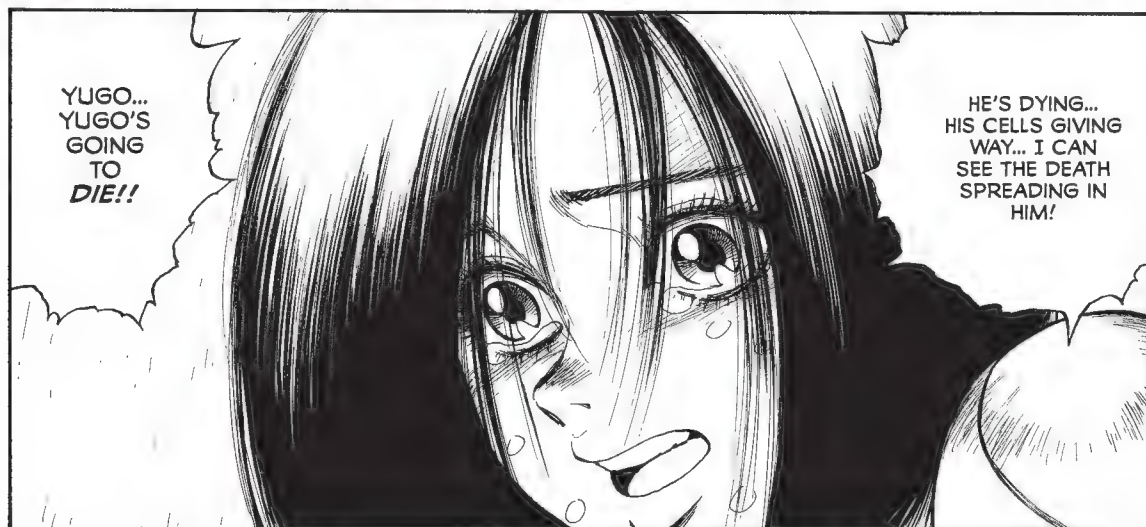
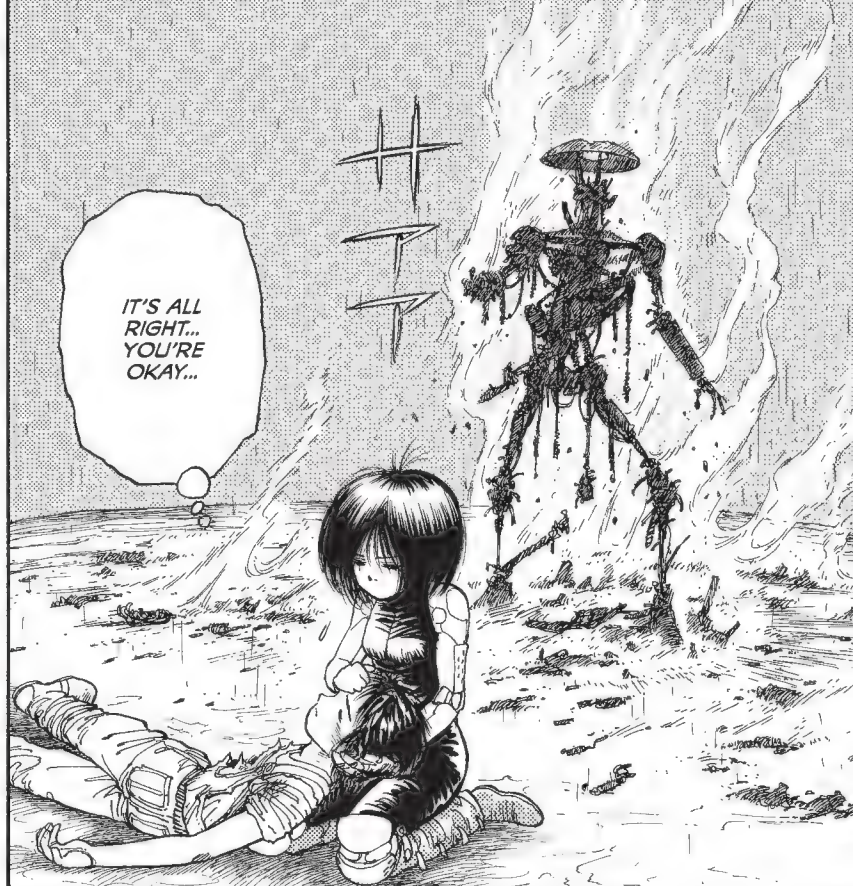


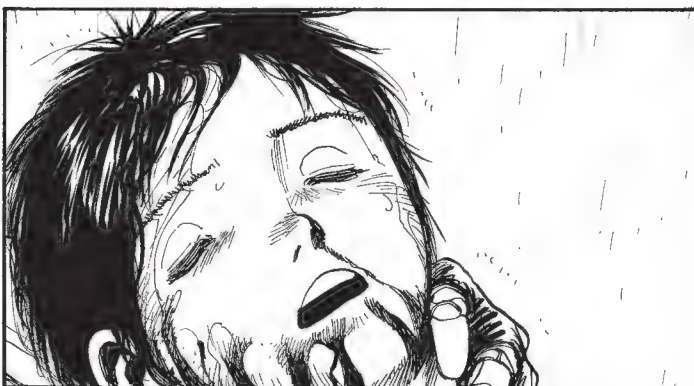
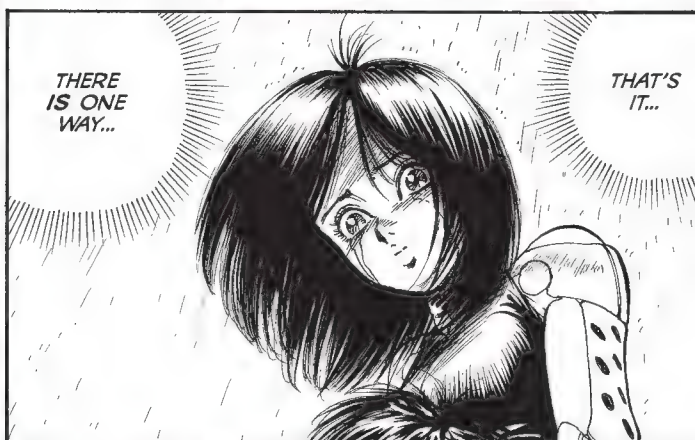
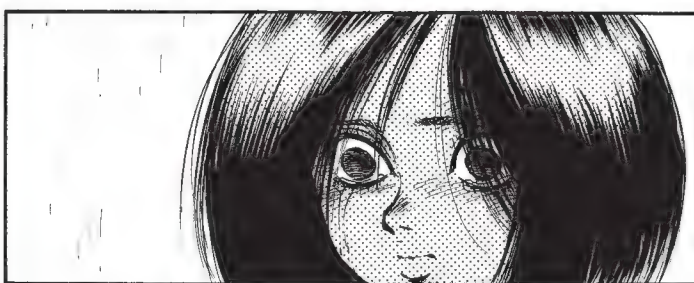
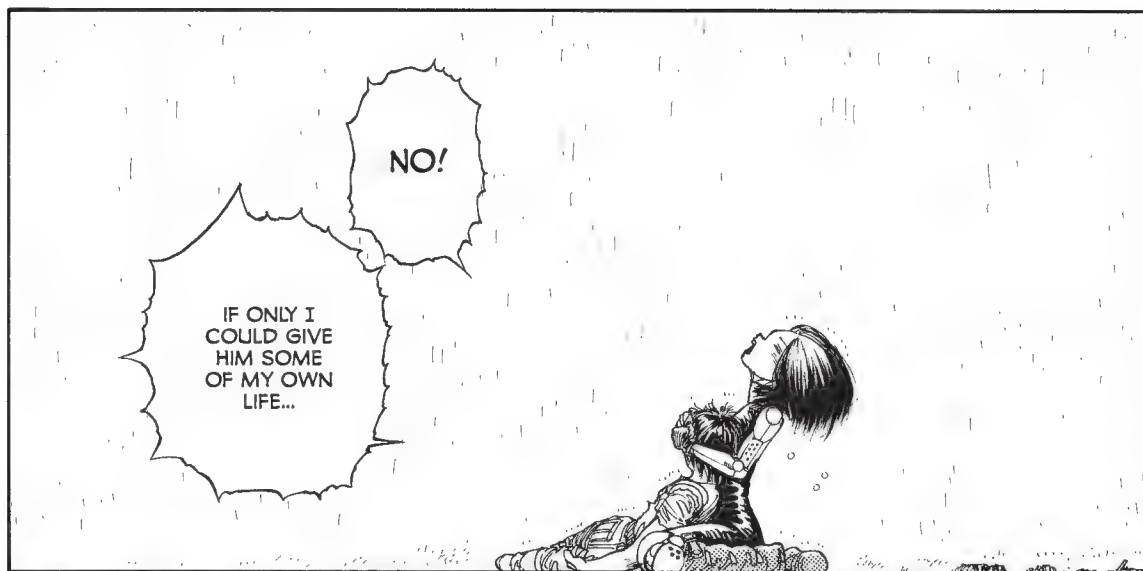


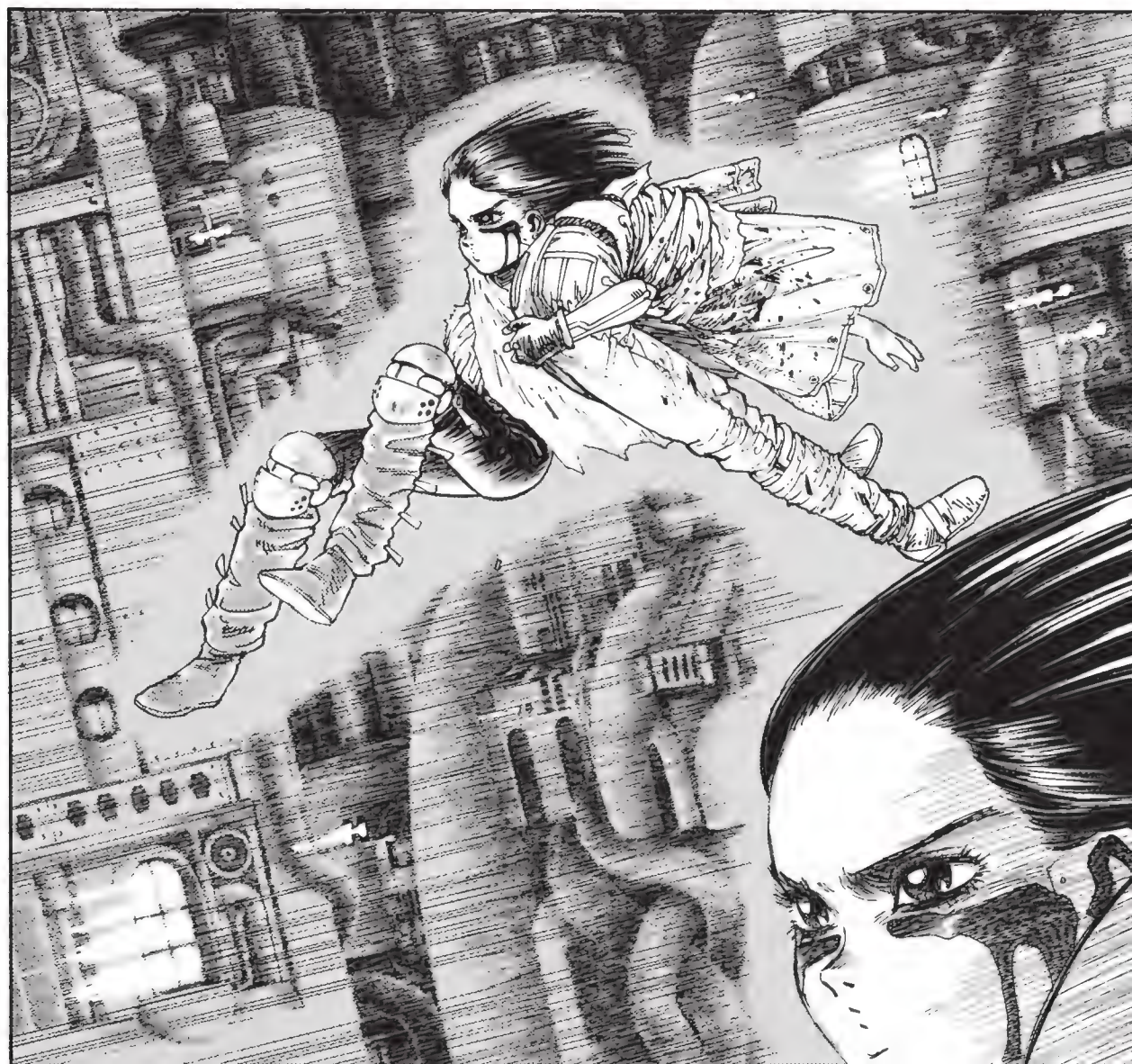
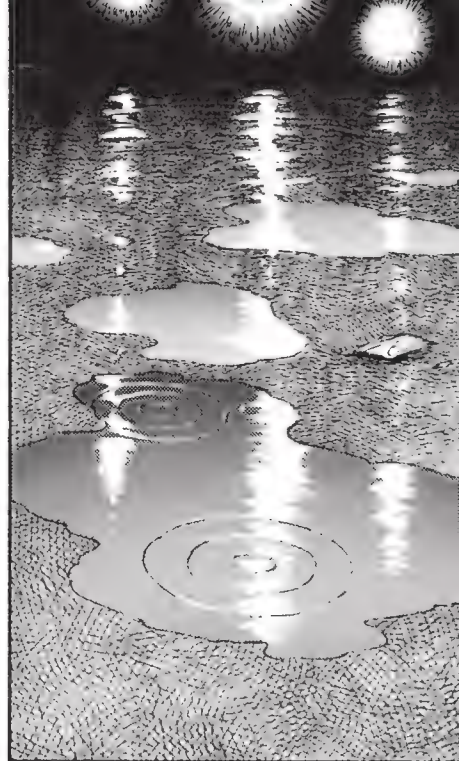


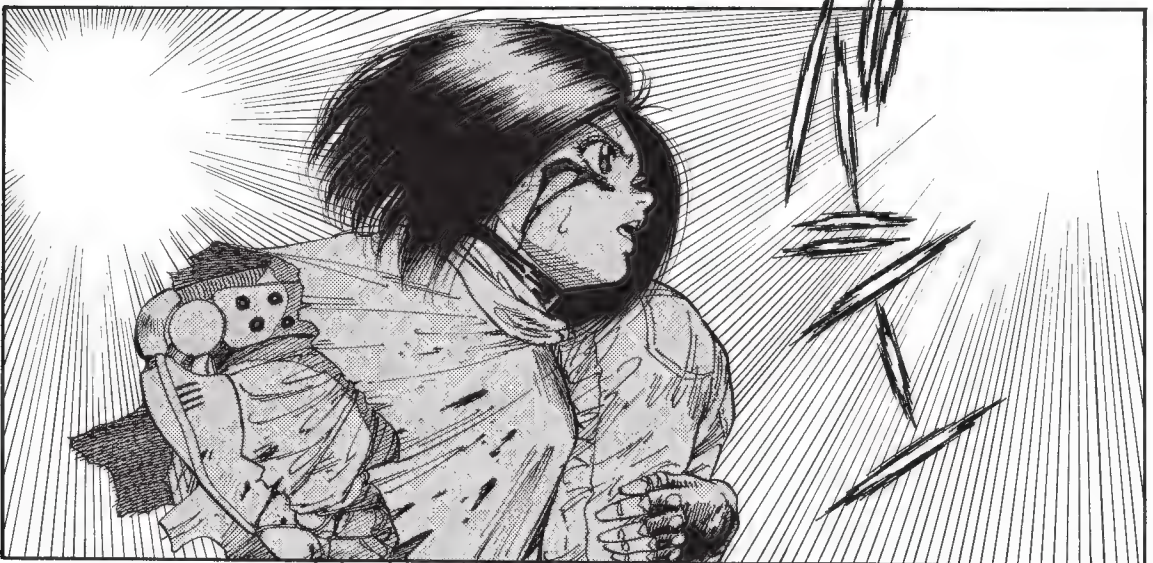
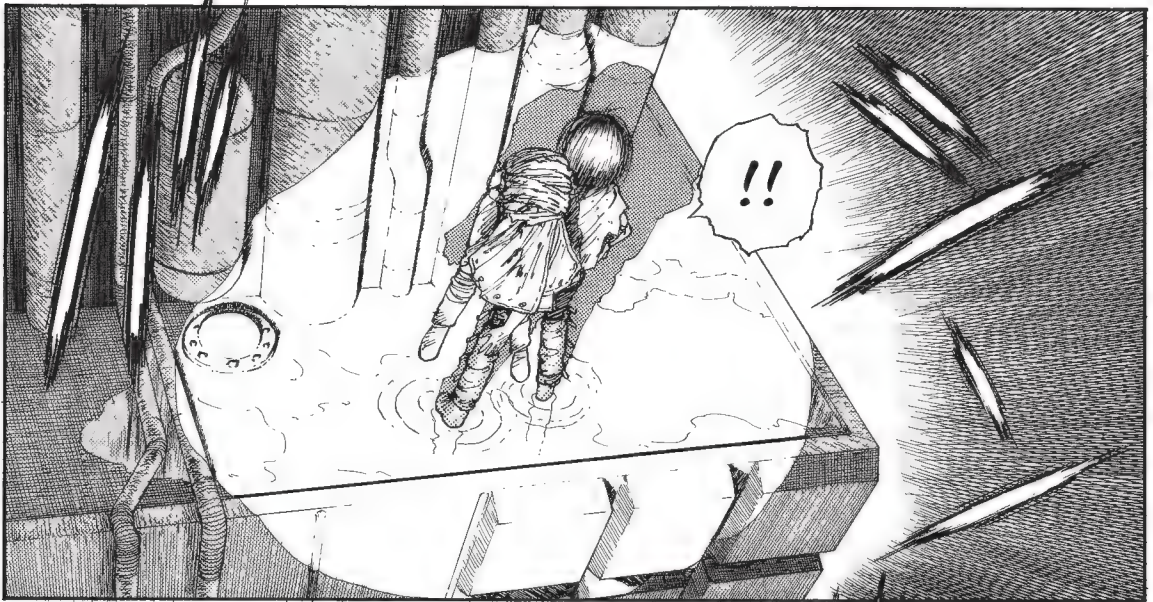
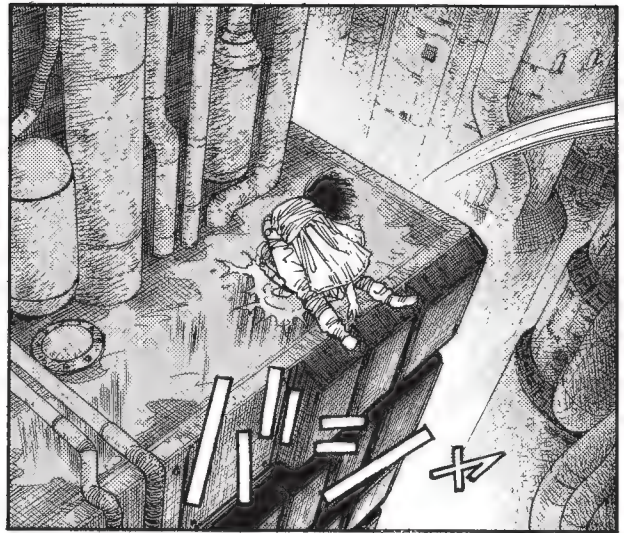


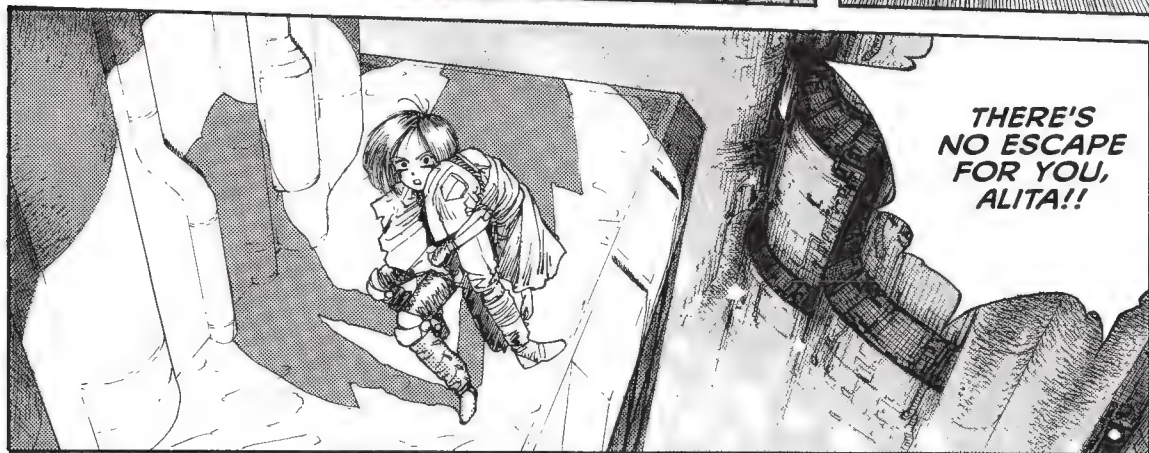
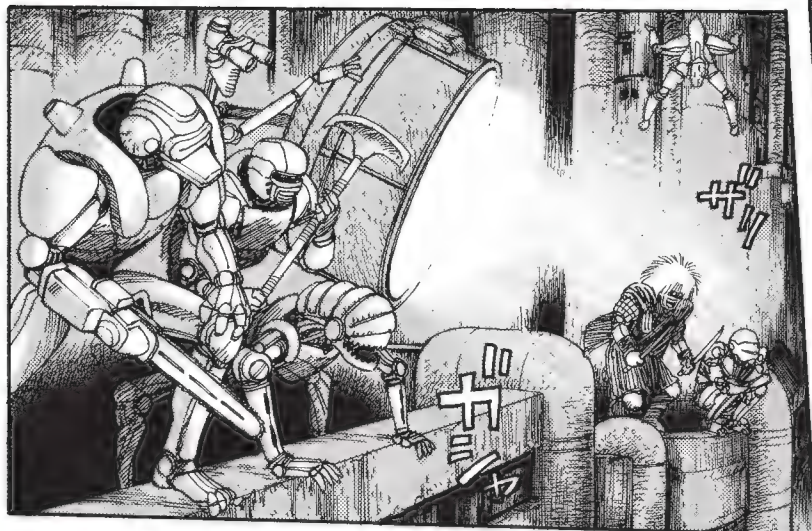














YOU HEARD
THE NETMAN-
HE'S THE
WALKING
DISPENSER
OF FACTORY
JUSTICE.

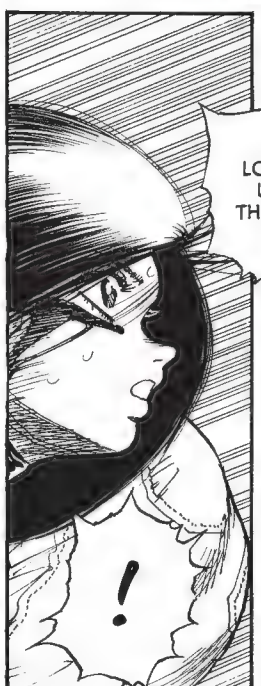
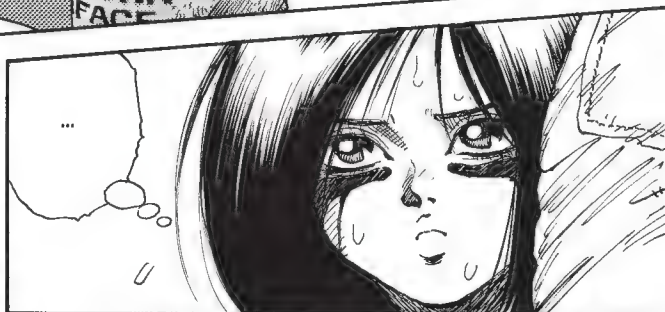
HUNTER-
WARRIOR ALITA,
DESIGNATION
F33-405!

IF YOU ARE
FOUND TO HAVE
COMMITTED
TREASON,
YOU WILL BE
DESTROYED WITH
ANTI-HUNTER
MISSILES AT
ONCE!!



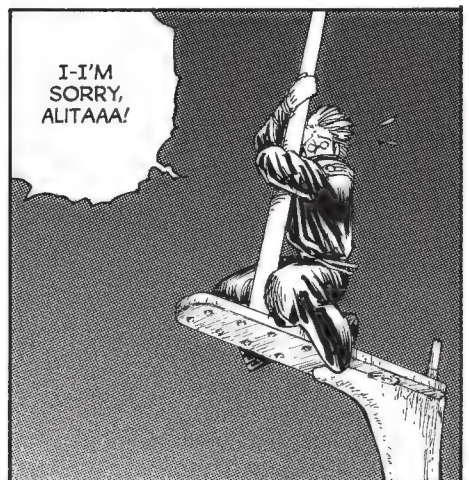
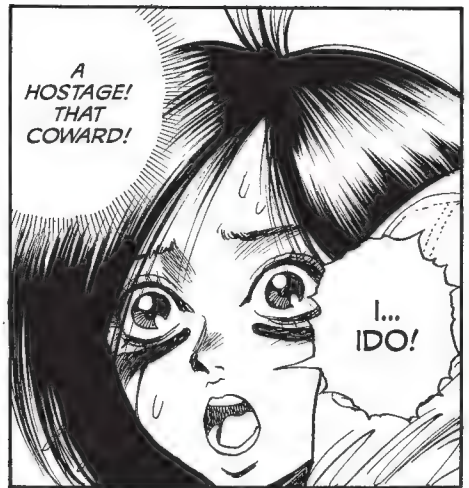
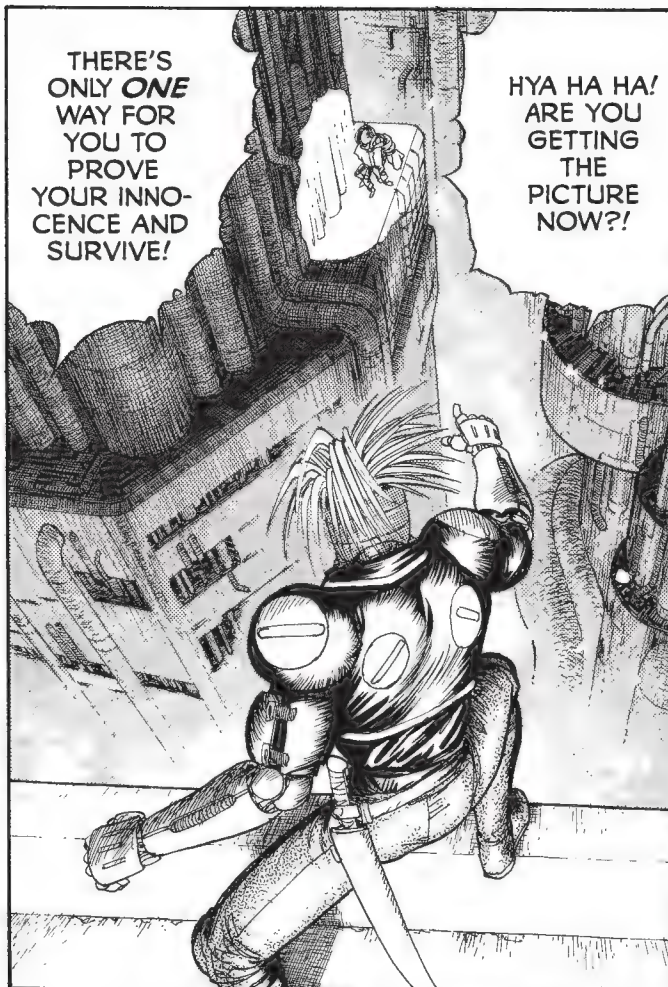
L-LET ME
DOWN!

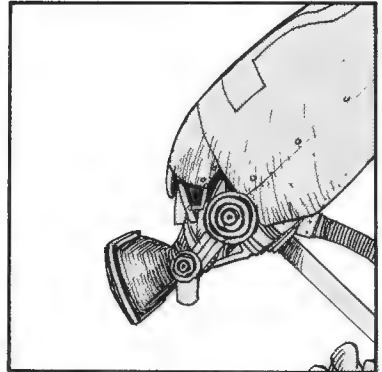
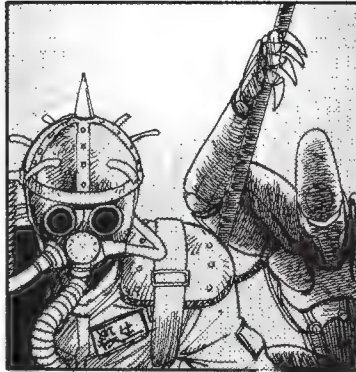
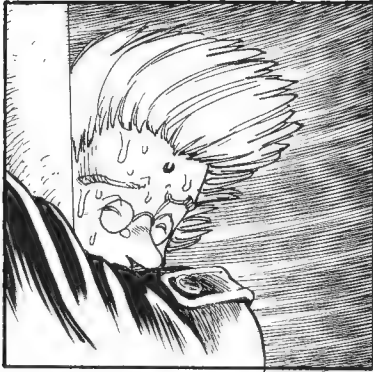
I'M
TERRIFIED
OF
HEIGHTS!!

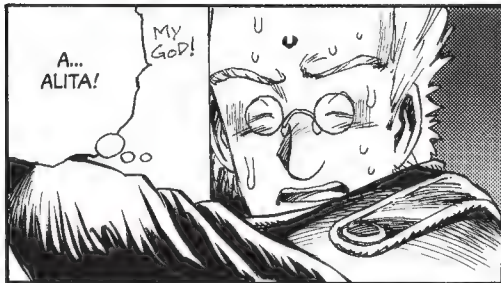


LOOK
UP
THERE!

I'VE ALSO
ARRANGED
FOR A
SPECIAL
GUEST TO
HELP YOU
MAKE THE
RATIONAL
CHOICE.







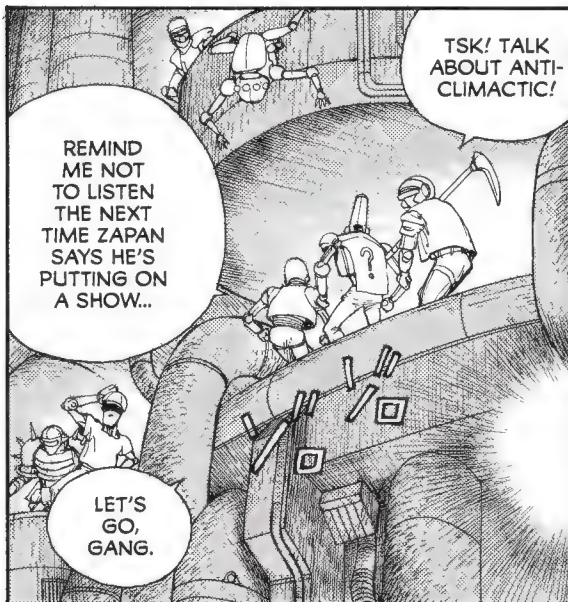
A...
ALITA!

My
God!



YOU...

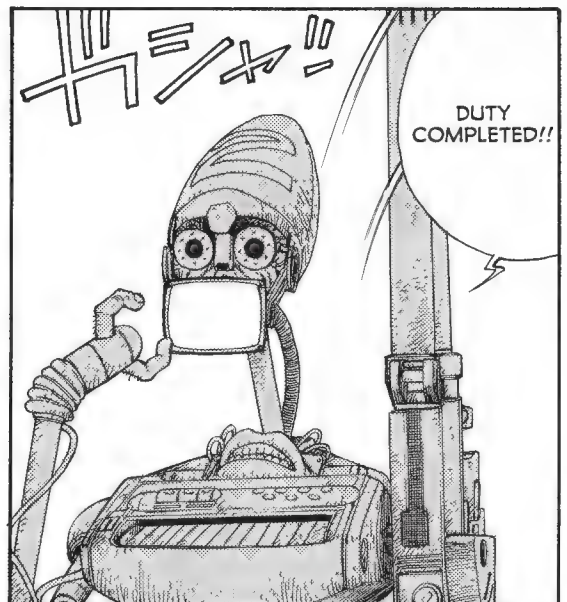
YOU
KILLED HIM
ALREADY...?



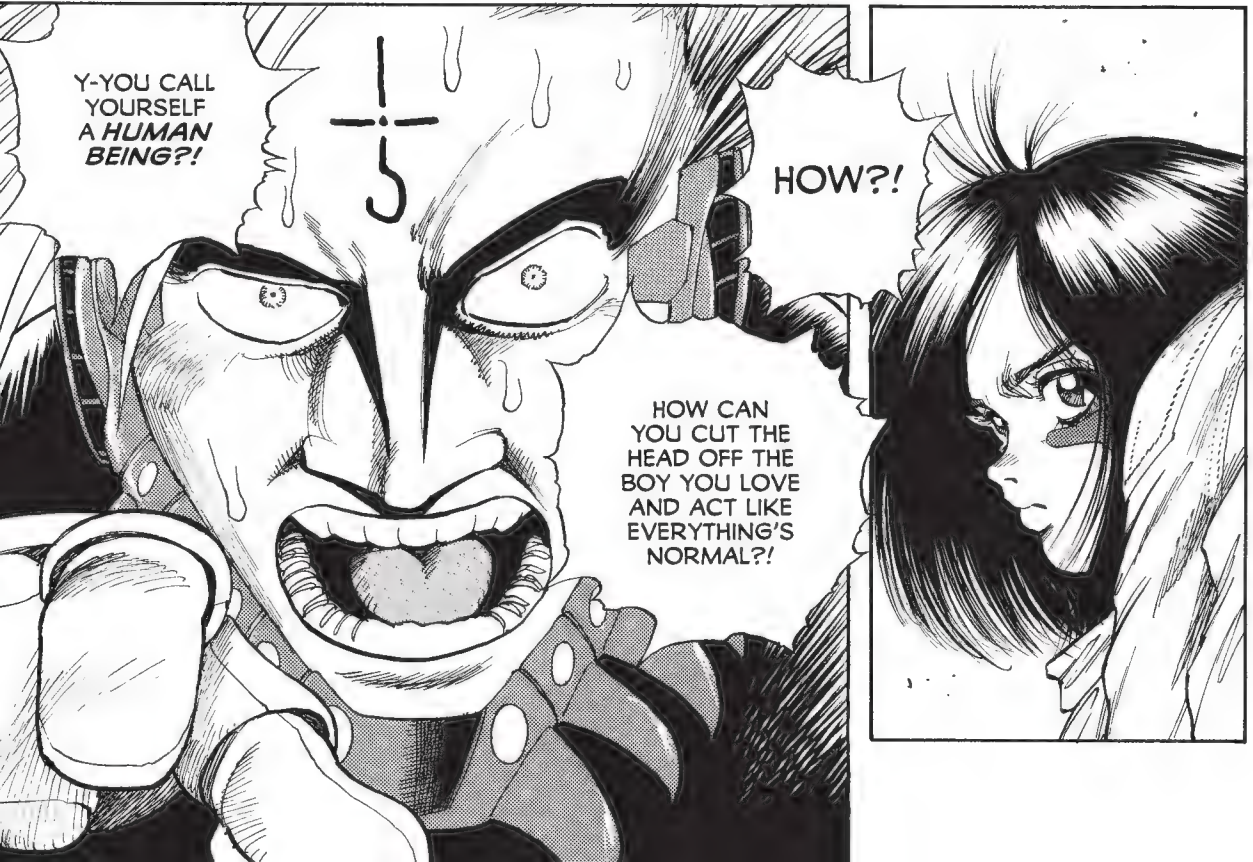
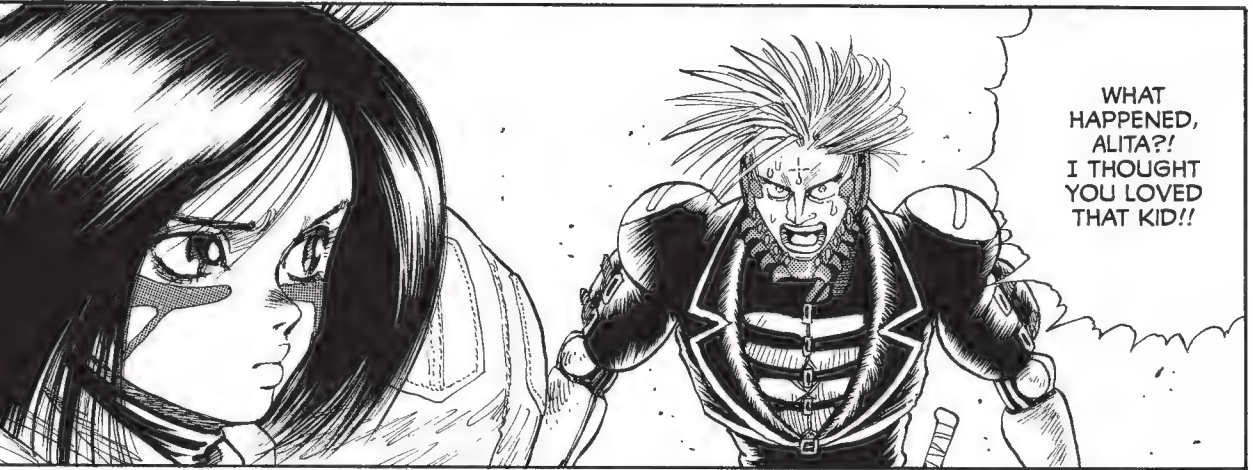
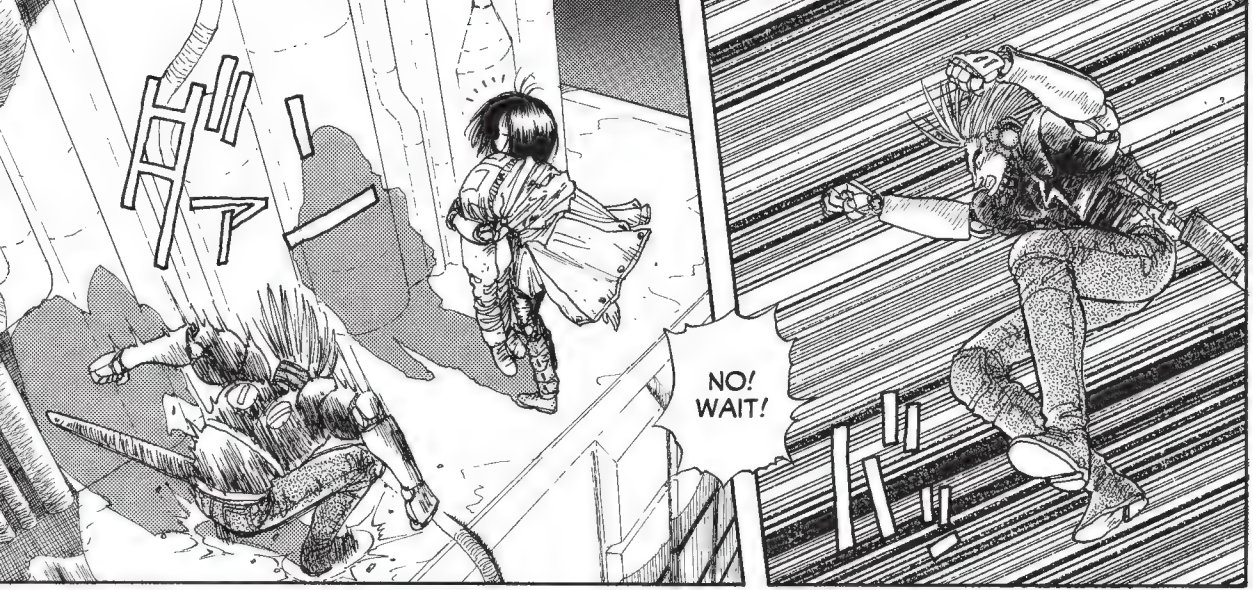
REMAND
ME NOT
TO LISTEN
THE NEXT
TIME ZAPAN
SAYS HE'S
PUTTING ON
A SHOW...

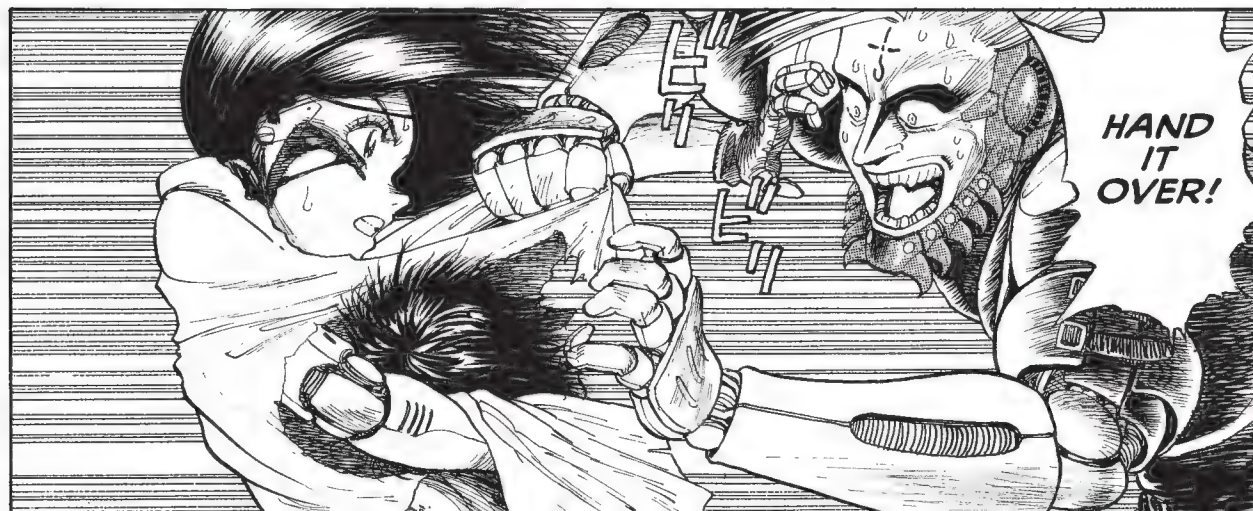
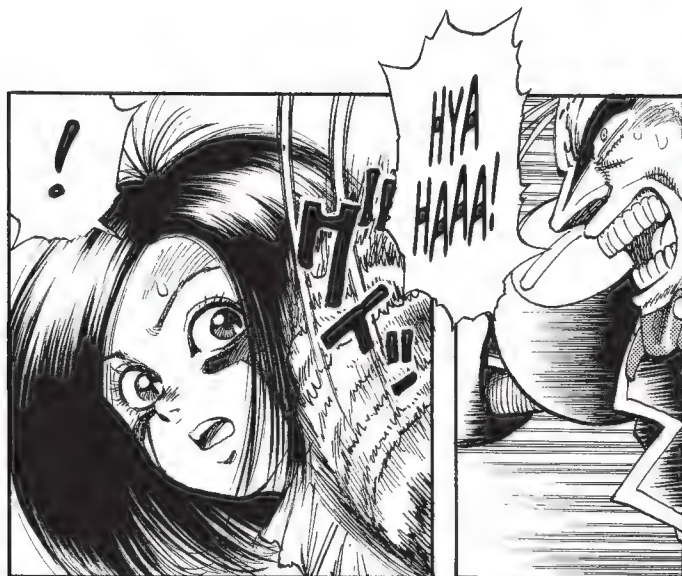
LET'S
GO,
GANG.

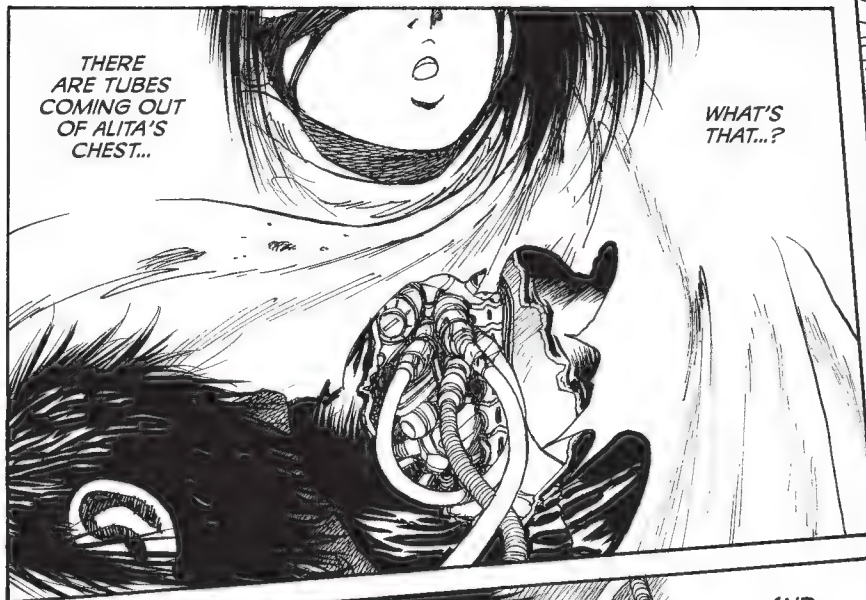
TSK! TALK
ABOUT ANTI-
CLIMACTIC!



DUTY
COMPLETED!!







THERE
ARE TUBES
COMING OUT
OF ALITA'S
CHEST...

WHAT'S
THAT...?



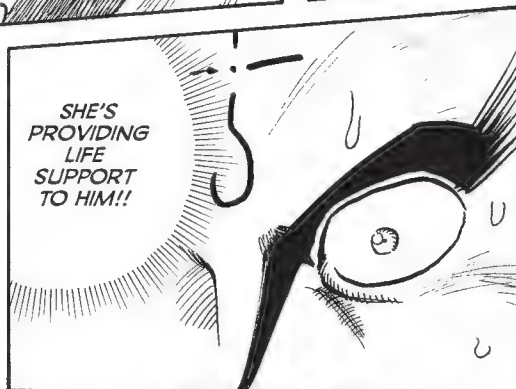
IT'S JUST
AS IF...

...AND
RUNNING
TO THE BASE
OF YUGO'S
HEAD!

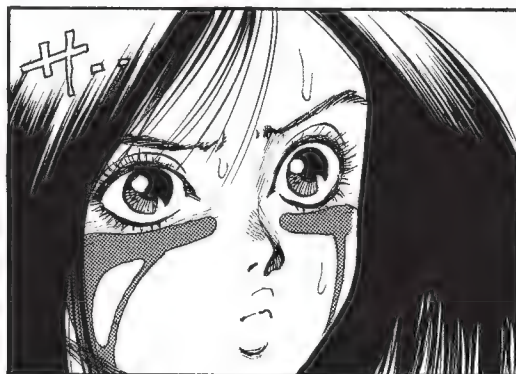


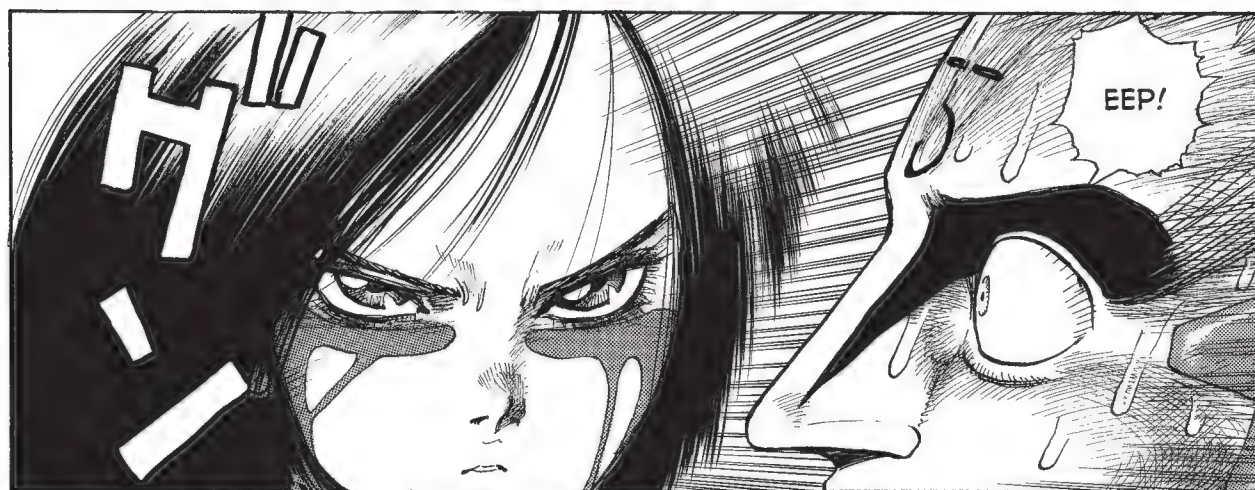
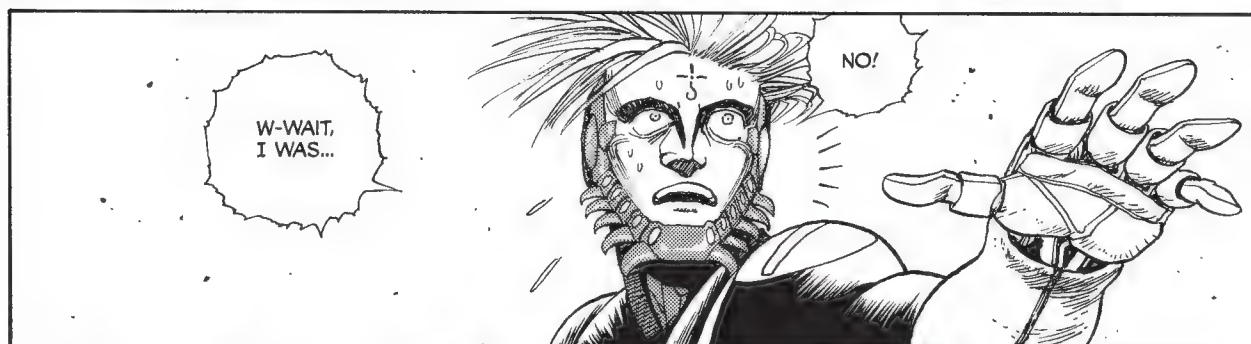
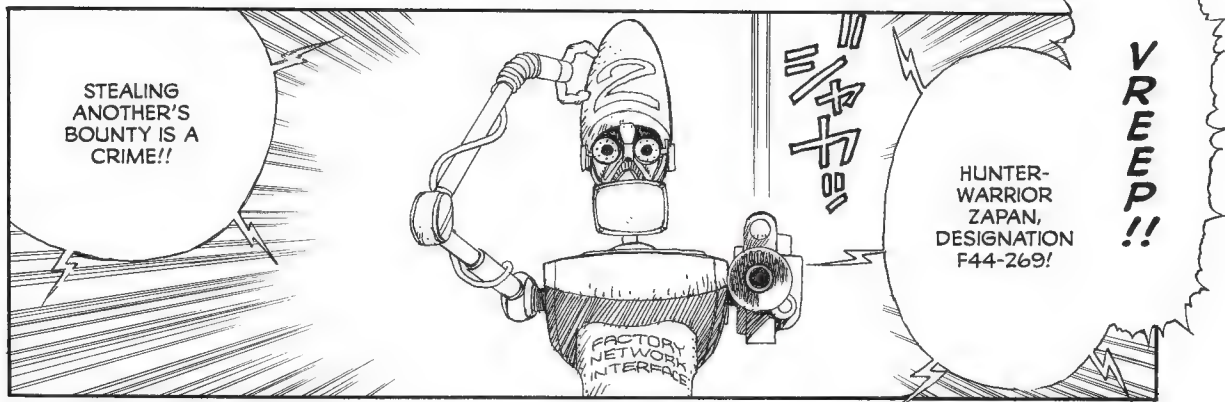
MEANING
HIS
BRAIN'S
STILL
ALIVE!!

HAH!
YOU
NEARLY
GOT ONE
OVER ON
ME!!



SHE'S
PROVIDING
LIFE
SUPPORT
TO HIM!!



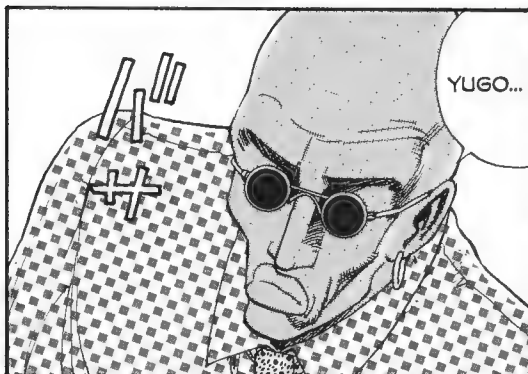
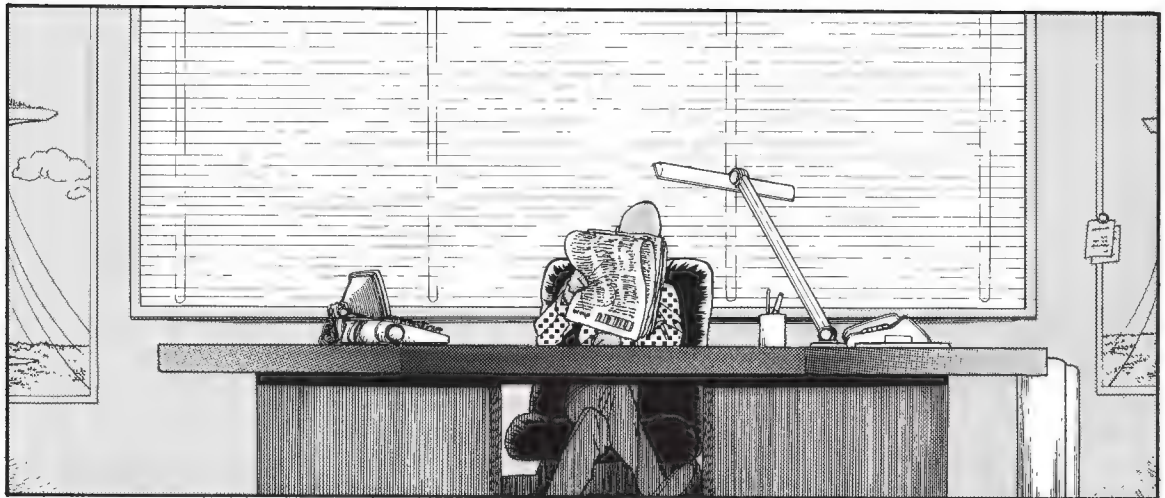






FIGHT_011 Guilty Dreams





המלצות

HUNTER-WARRIORS SCUFFLE OVER BOUNTY

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IN THE PAPER THE FOLLOWING MORNING...

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טובת חטשית, מלצבטית בט"ח



במאן, וולוו, וולוו, נצייה, נצייה, סוזוקי, סיאם, סיאם, סובארו, סובארו

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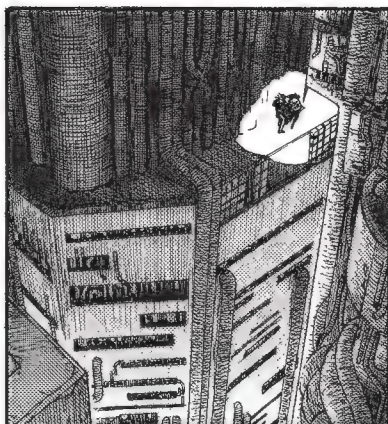
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"THE TARGET OF THE FIGHT WAS THE HEAD OF YUGO THE SPINE THIEF..."

הפכה למיטרד. יש



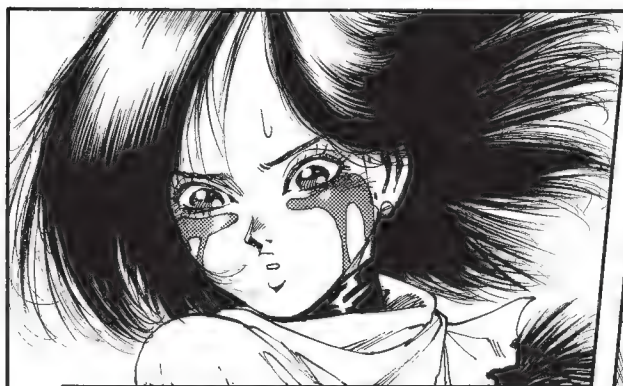
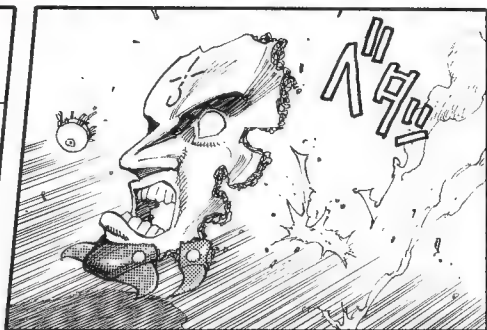
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"AT 8:12 PM NEAR AMMONIA AVENUE..."

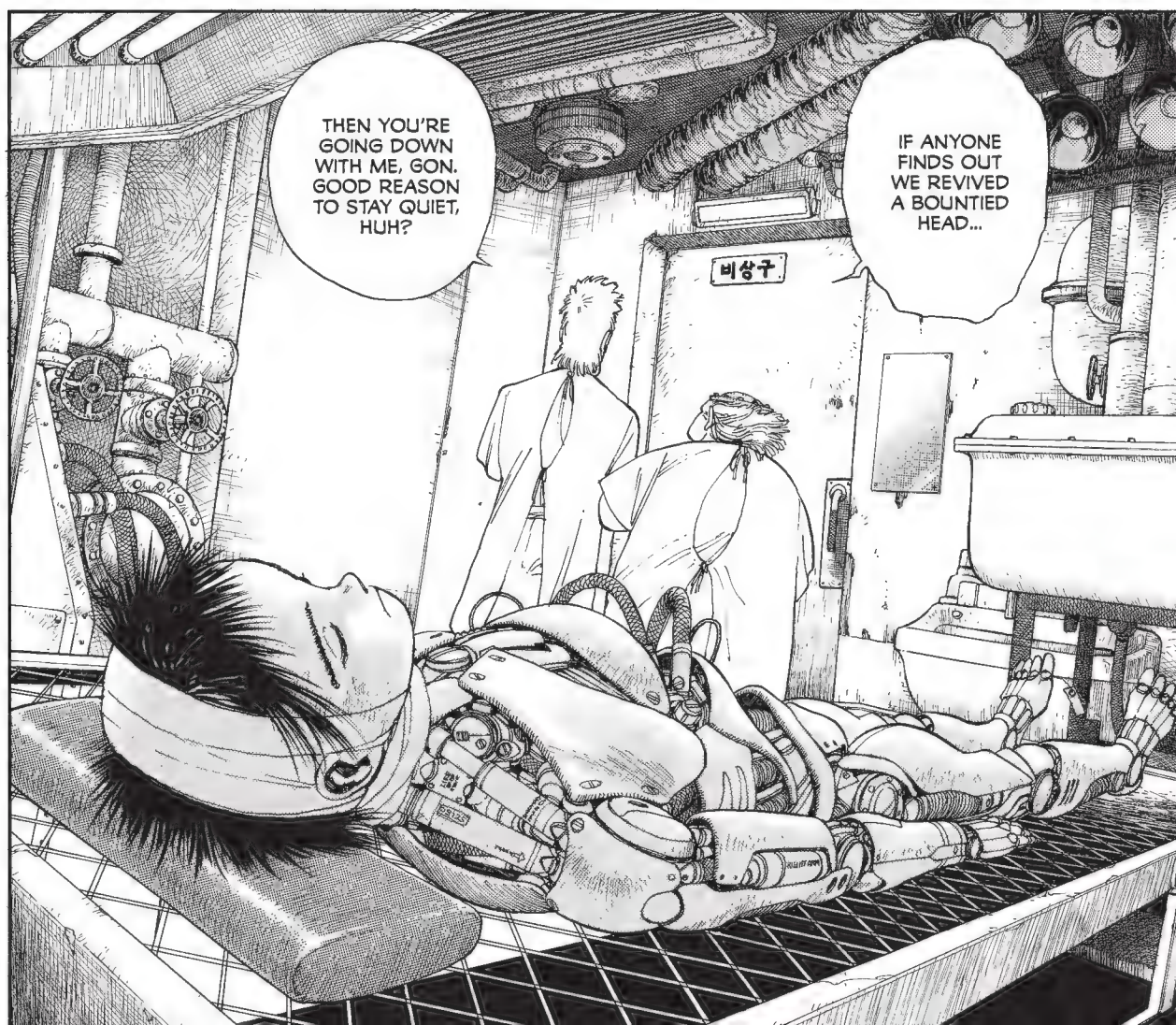
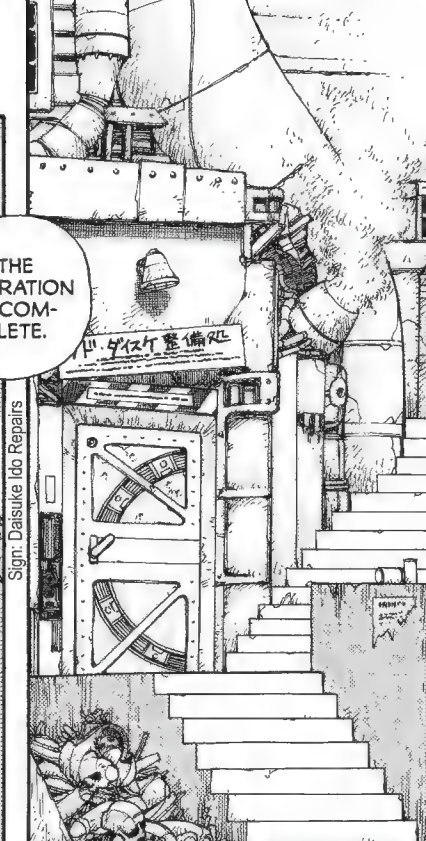
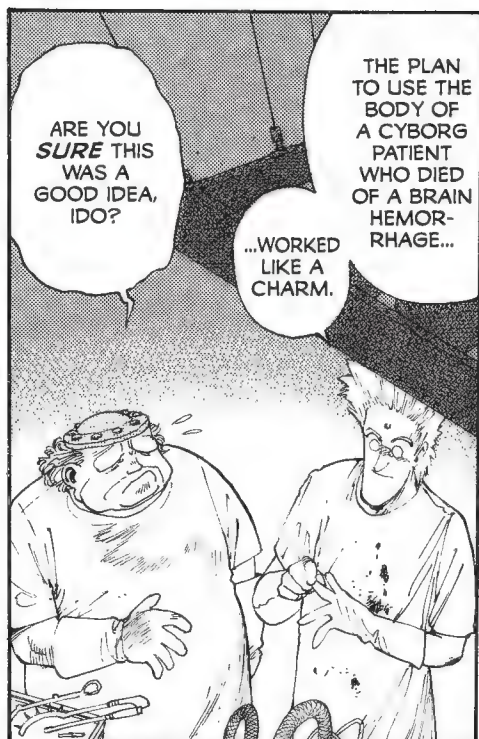


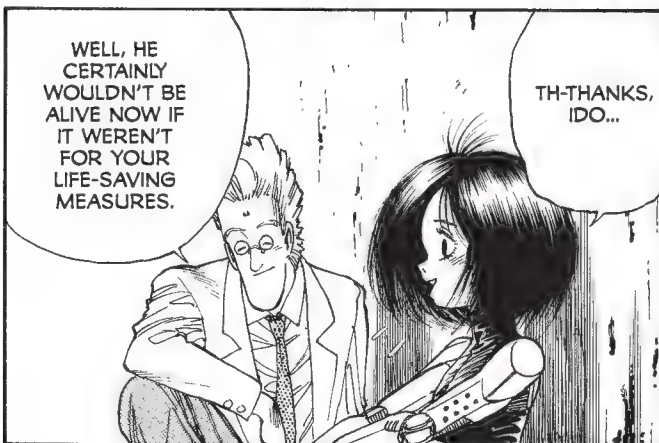
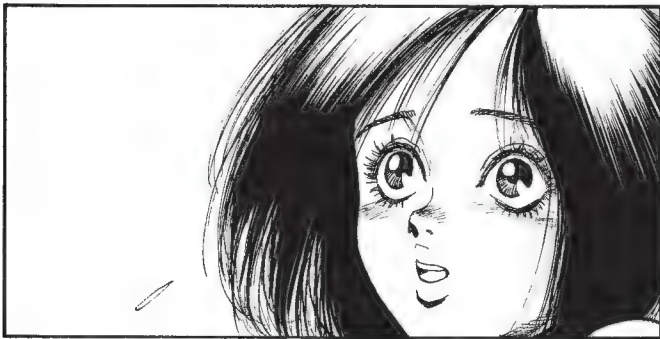
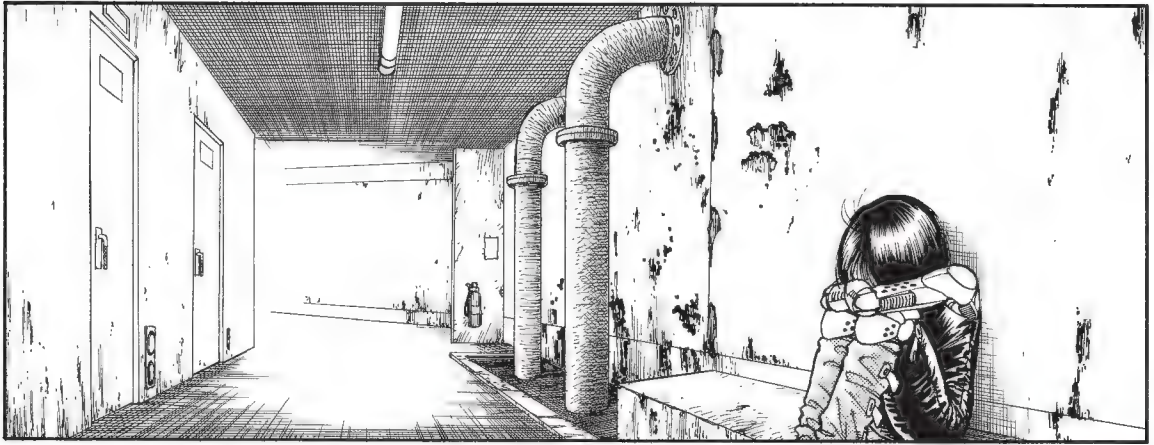
"ZAPAN'S FACE WAS DESTROYED, AND HE SLIPPED OFF THE LANDING AND FELL BETWEEN THE BUILDINGS."

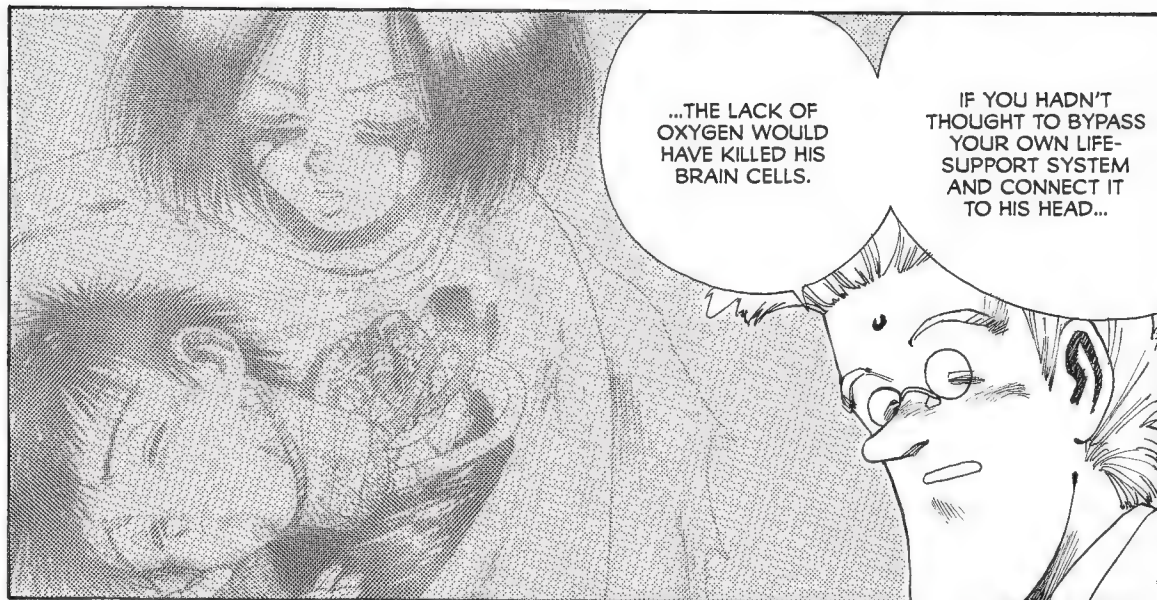


"ALITA WAS NOT PUNISHED FOR THE ACT. THE BOUNTIED HEAD IS TO BE BURIED, RATHER THAN CLAIMED FOR CHIPS."



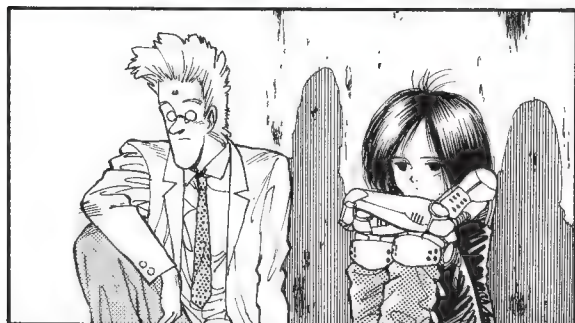




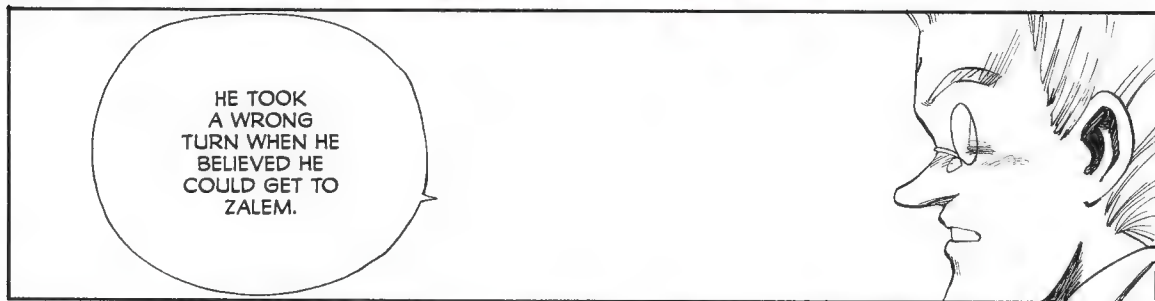


...THE LACK OF
OXYGEN WOULD
HAVE KILLED HIS
BRAIN CELLS.

IF YOU HADN'T
THOUGHT TO BYPASS
YOUR OWN LIFE-
SUPPORT SYSTEM
AND CONNECT IT
TO HIS HEAD...



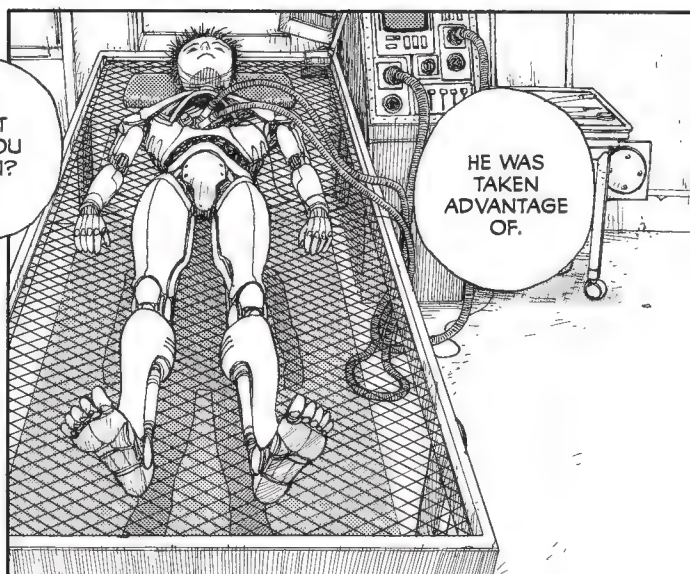
BUT IF I'D BEEN
SMARTER, IT
NEVER WOULD
HAVE COME
TO THAT IN THE
FIRST PLACE...



HE TOOK
A WRONG
TURN WHEN HE
BELIEVED HE
COULD GET TO
ZALEM.



WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN?



HE WAS
TAKEN
ADVANTAGE
OF.



...THAT
THE OFFER
TO ESCORT
HIM TO ZALEM
FOR CHIPS
WAS NEVER
TRUE!

I HAPPEN
TO KNOW...

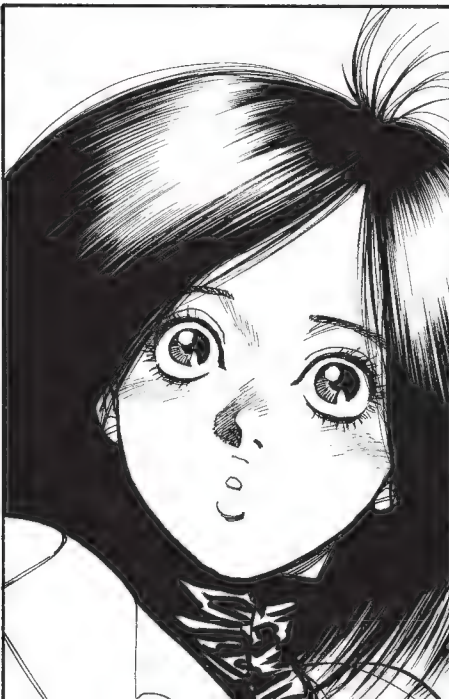


I WAS CAST
OUT OF ZALEM...
AND I KNOW
FULL WELL THAT
THERE IS NO WAY
BACK FROM THE
SURFACE.

AND I KNOW
THAT...BECAUSE
I WAS ONCE
A ZALEMITE
MYSELF.

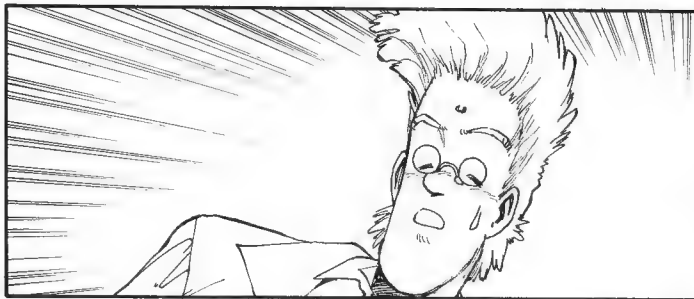


I SHOULD
HAVE TOLD YOU
THIS EARLIER...
THOUGH IT
WASN'T MY
INTENTION TO
HIDE IT FROM
YOU.

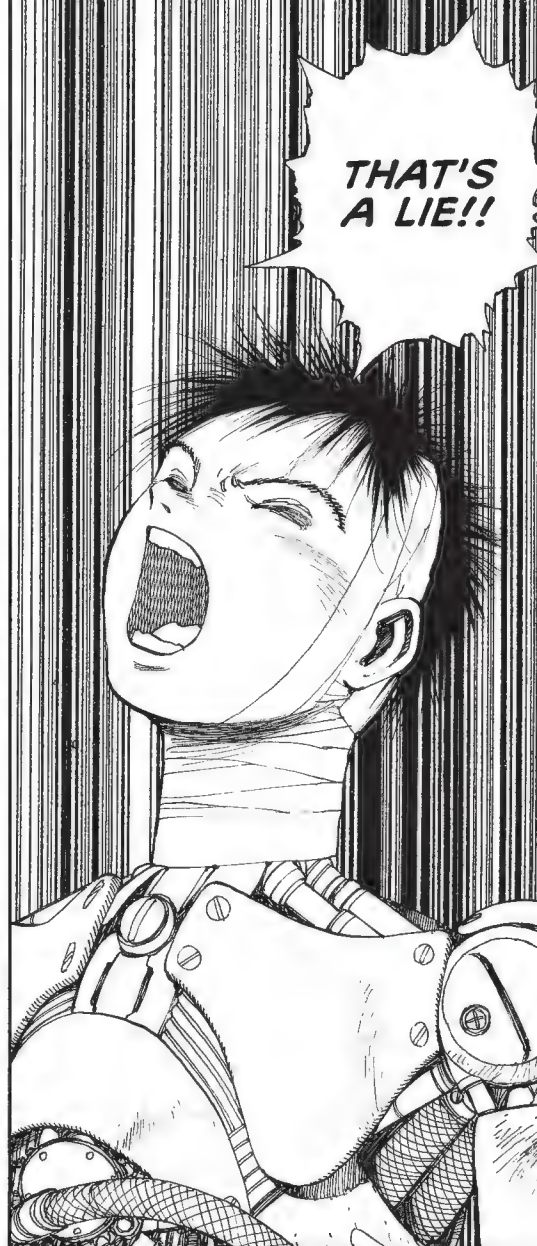


THIS
SYMBOL
ON MY
FOREHEAD
IS THE
SIGN OF
A ZALEM
CITIZEN...

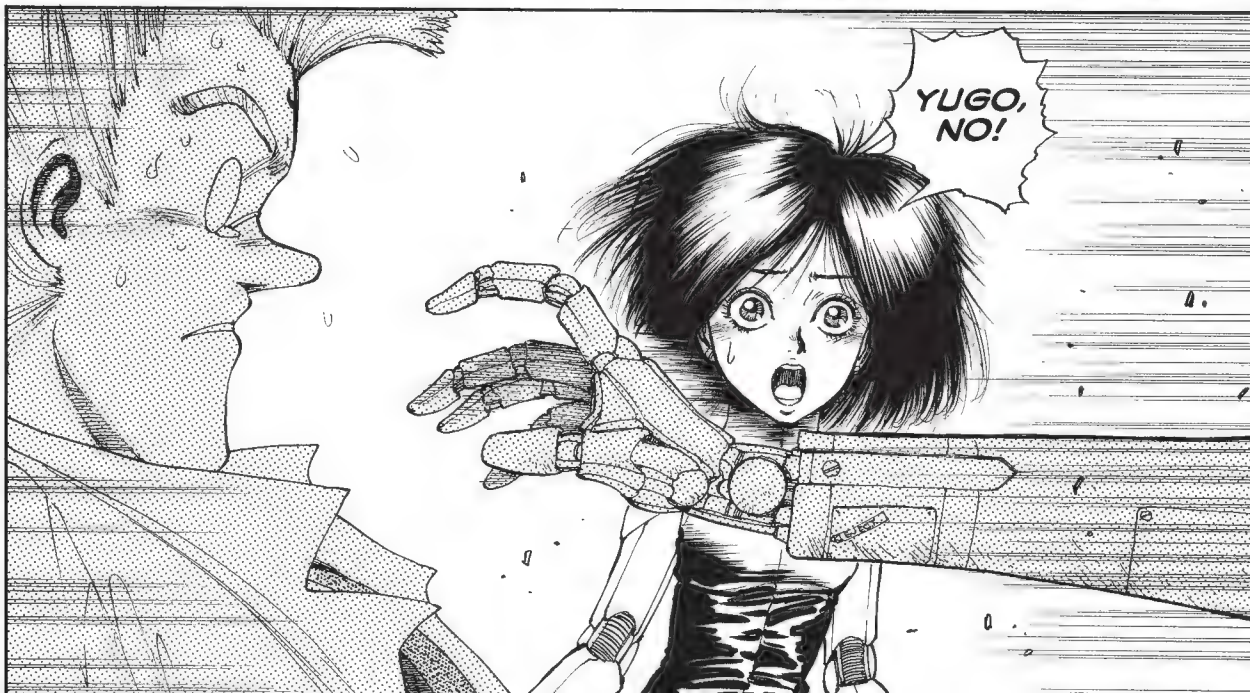




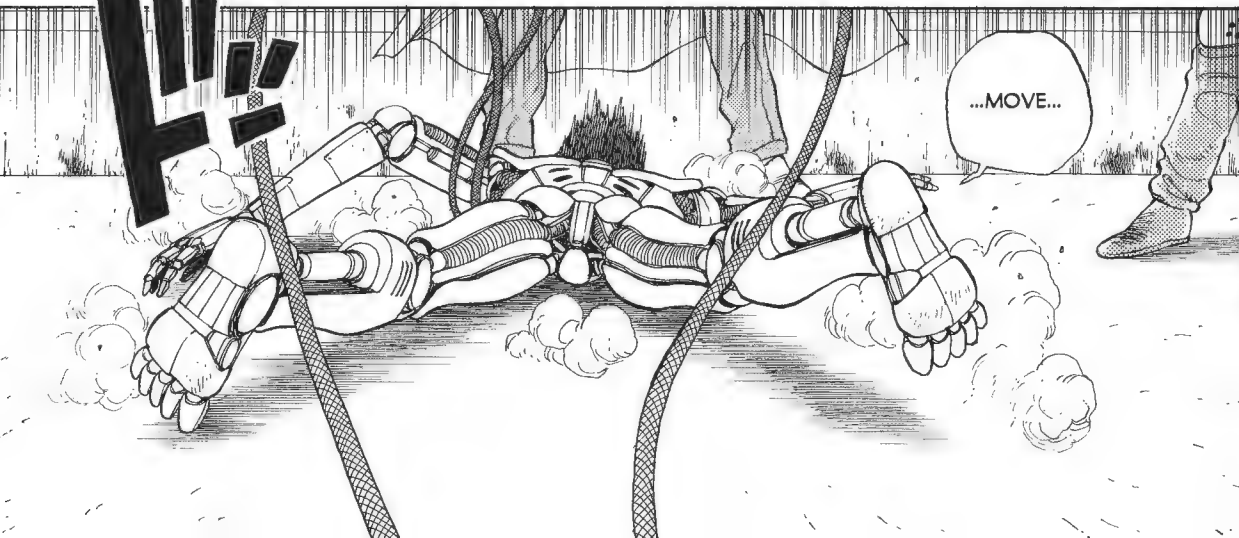
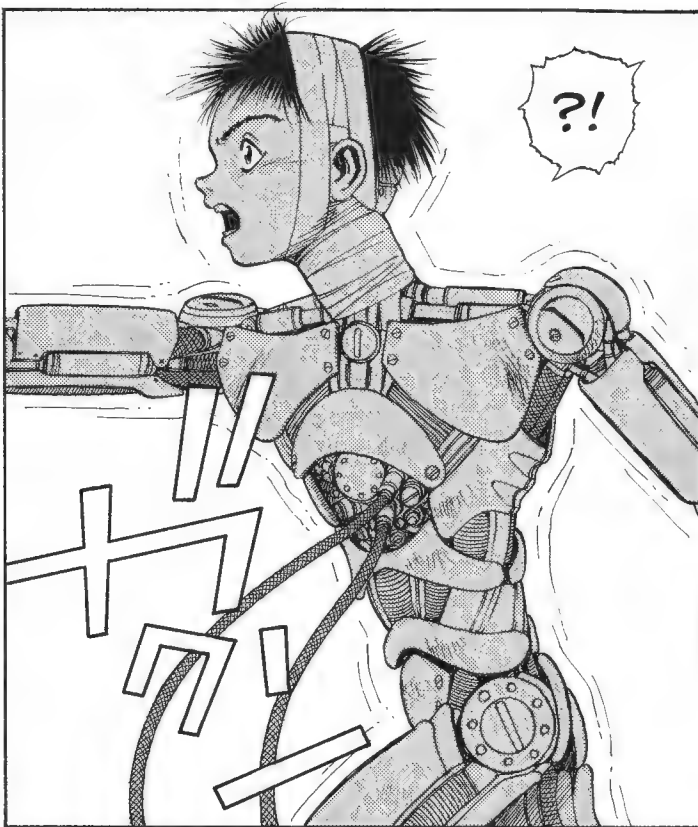
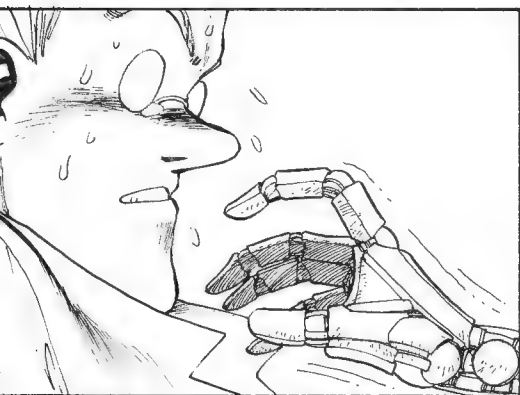
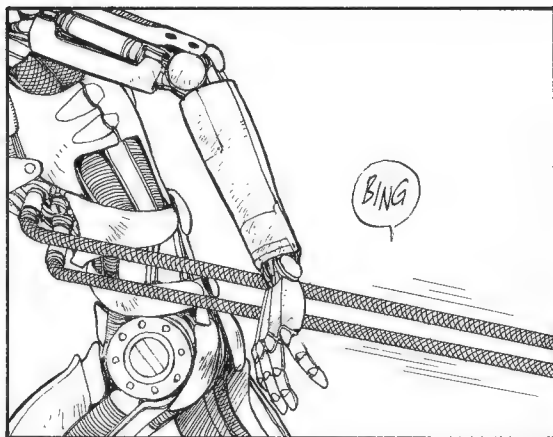
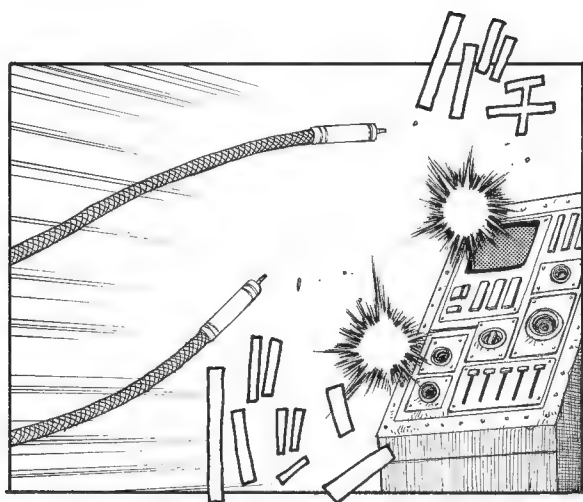
YOU'RE LYING!!

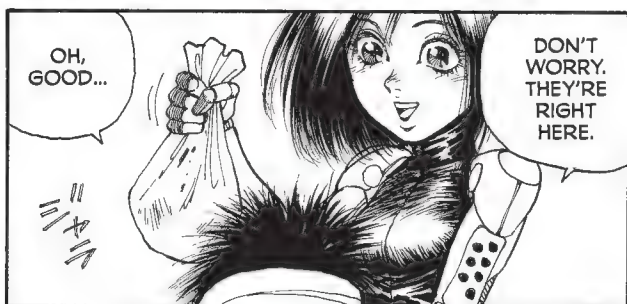
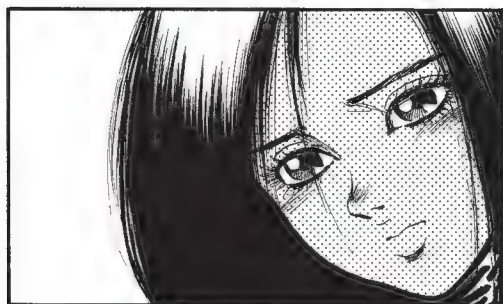
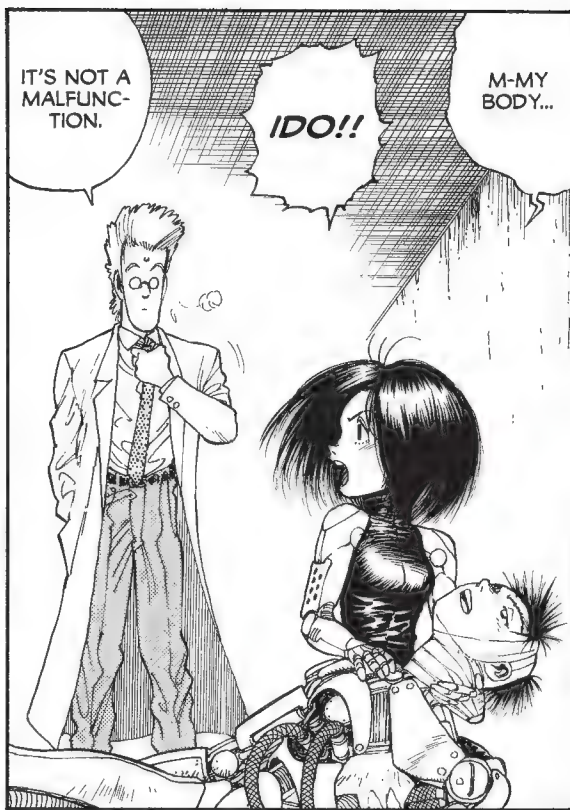
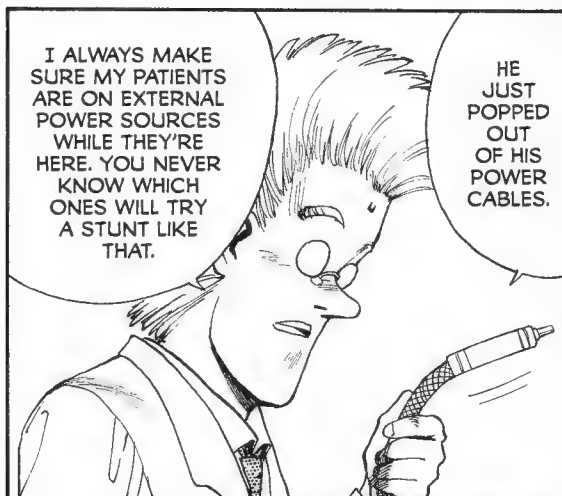


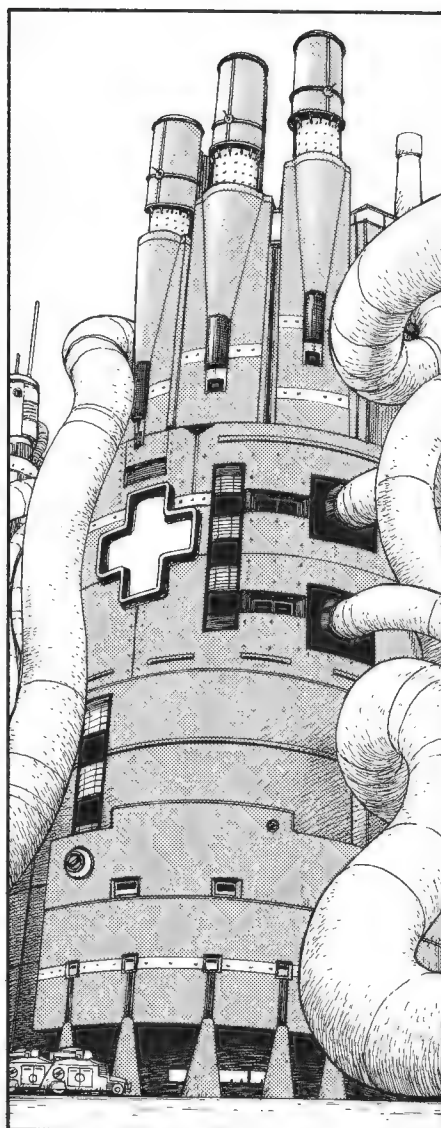
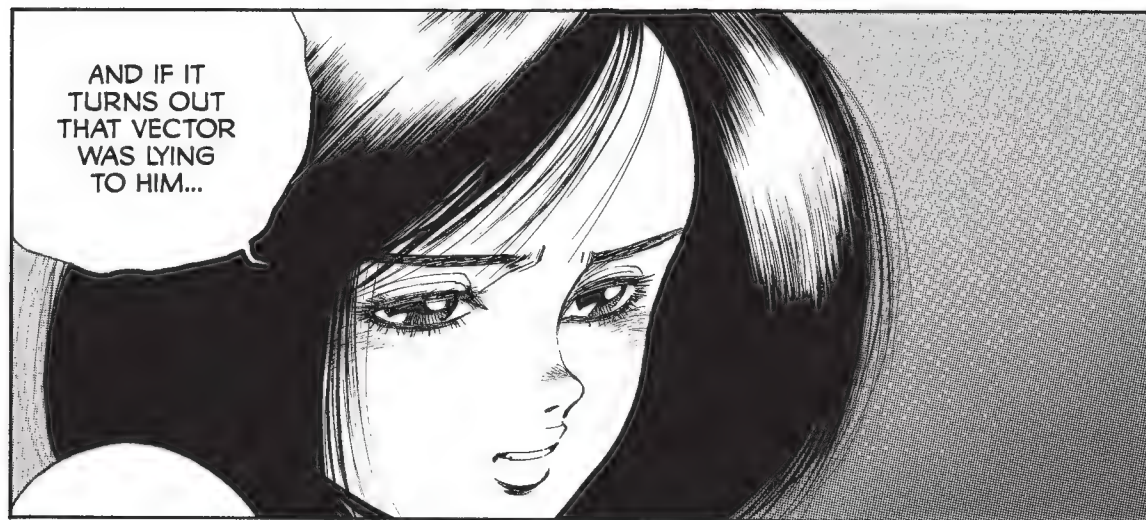
THAT'S A LIE!!



YUGO, NO!

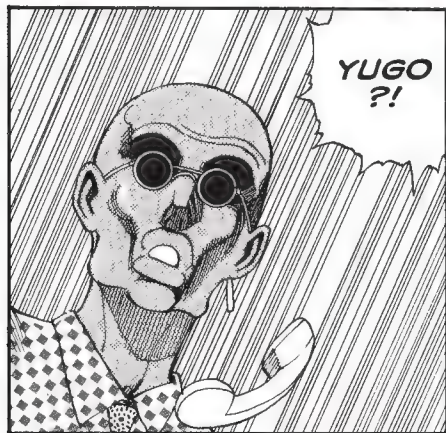




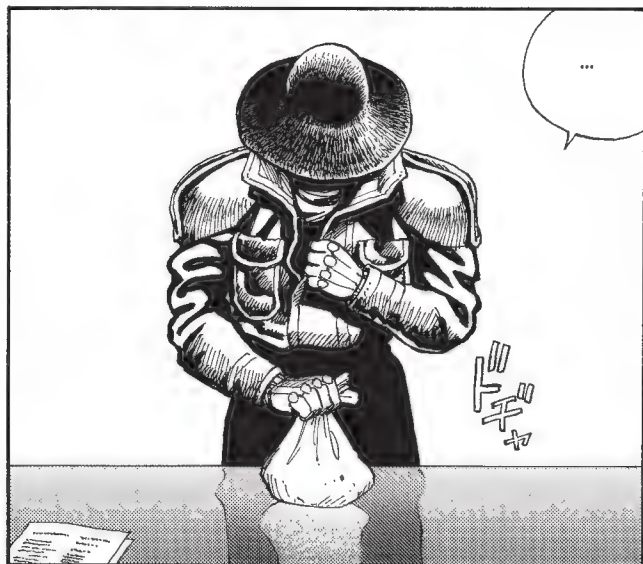
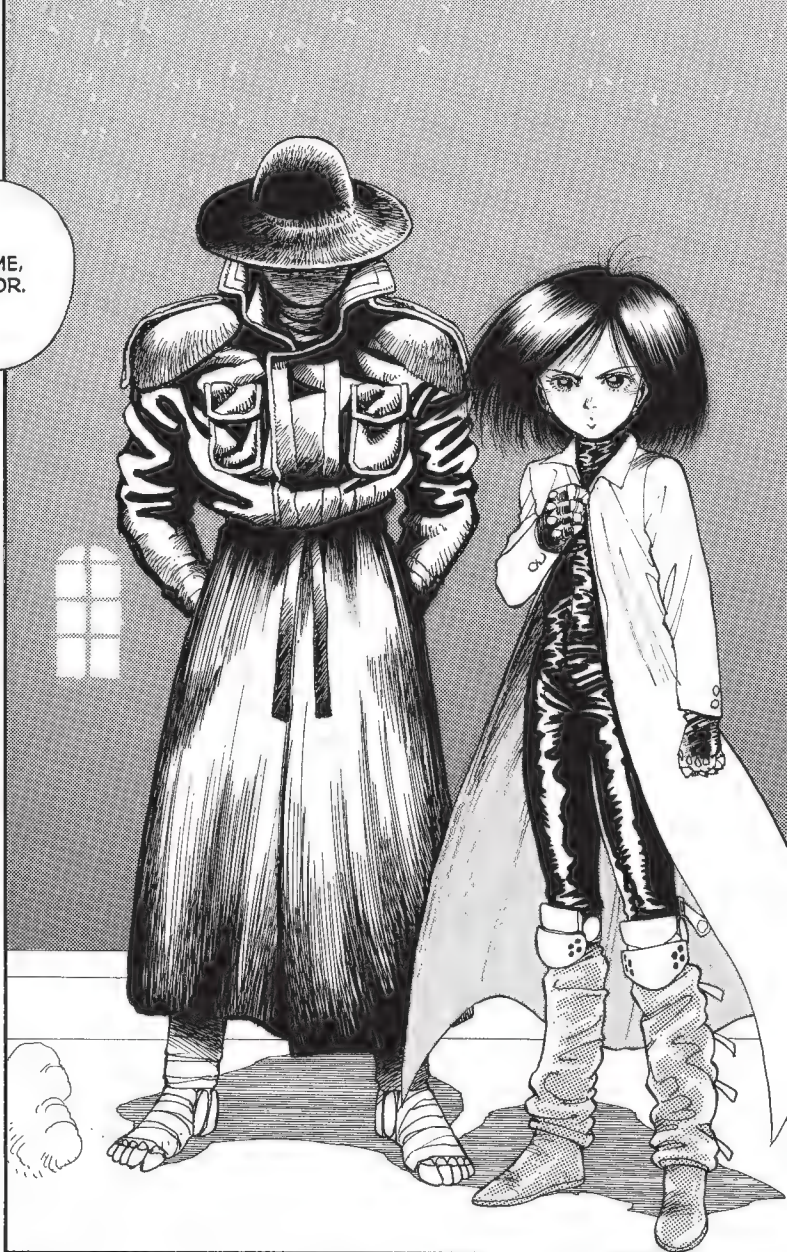




IT'S ME,
VECTOR.

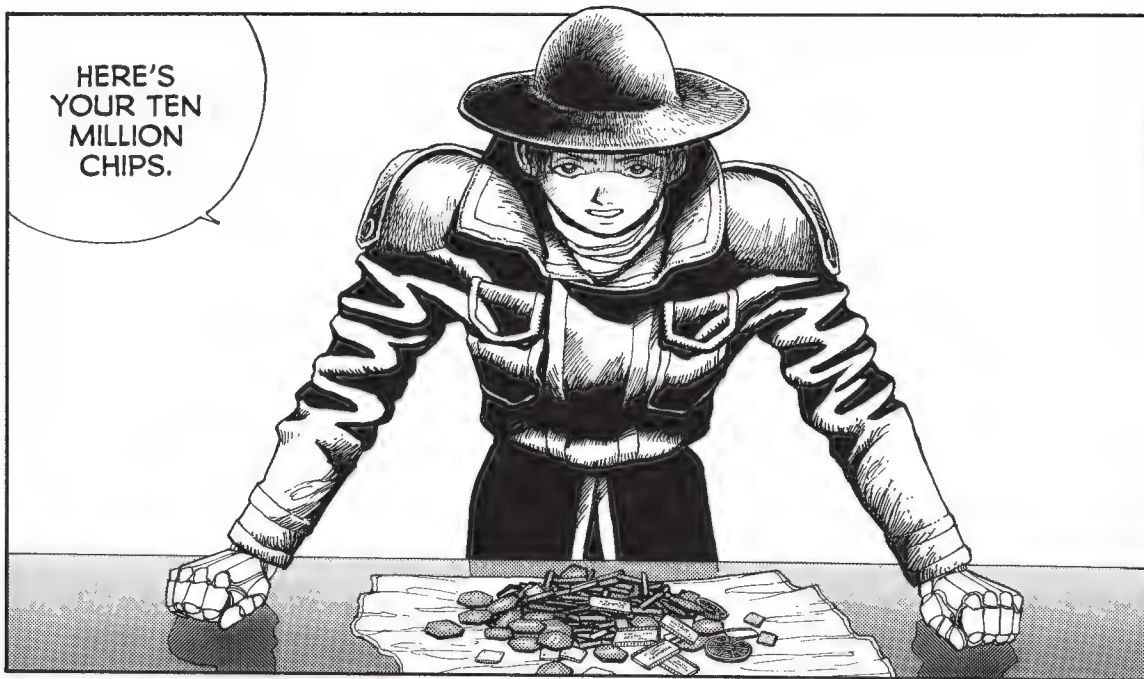


YUGO
?!

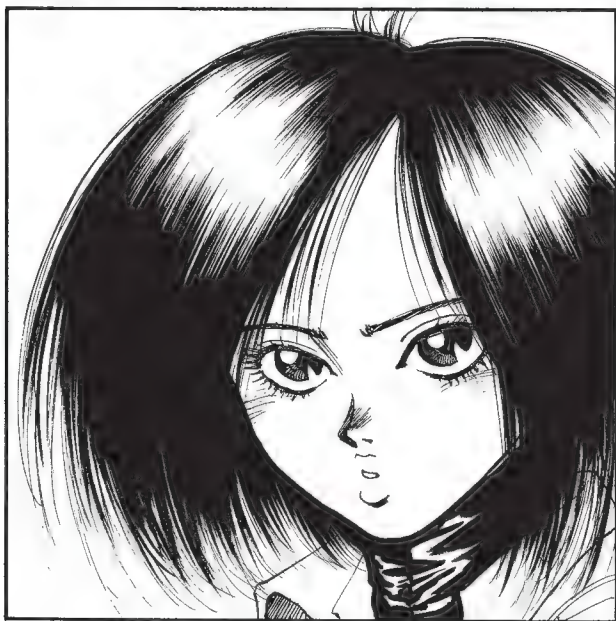


HEY...Y-
YOU'RE
ALIVE!!

HERE'S
YOUR TEN
MILLION
CHIPS.

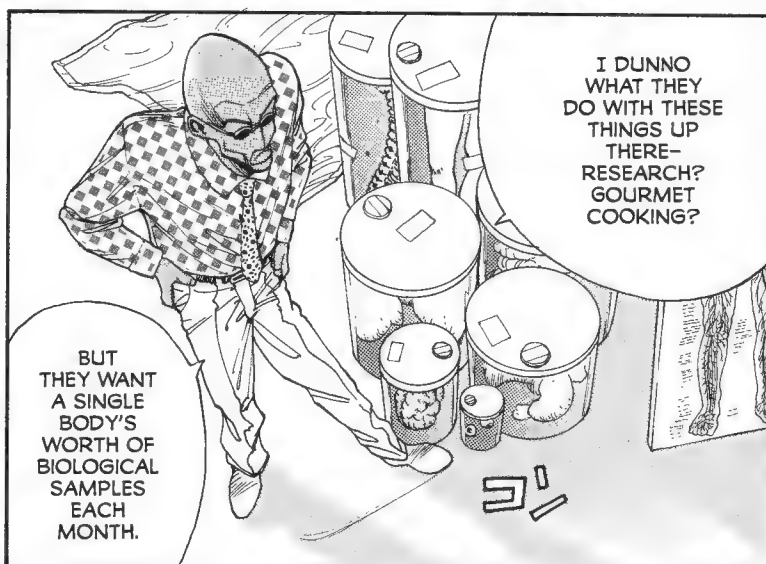


NOW SEND
ME UP TO
ZALEM...MR.
VECTOR.





SO YOU
WERE GOING
TO TAKE MY
TEN MILLION
CHIPS AND
CUT ME INTO
PIECES?



I DUNNO
WHAT THEY
DO WITH THESE
THINGS UP
THERE—
RESEARCH?
GOURMET
COOKING?

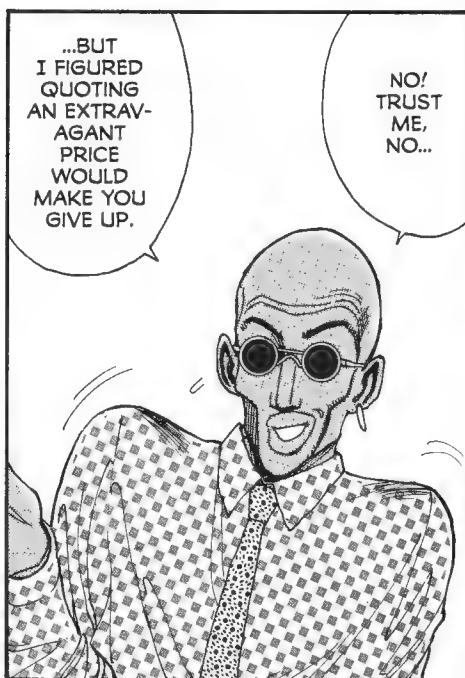
BUT
THEY WANT
A SINGLE
BODY'S
WORTH OF
BIOLOGICAL
SAMPLES
EACH
MONTH.



JUST A BIT OF
SELF-PROMOTION...
LITTLE WHITE LIES
LIKE THAT CAN WORK
WONDERS WHEN
YOU'RE DOING
BUSINESS,
SEE?

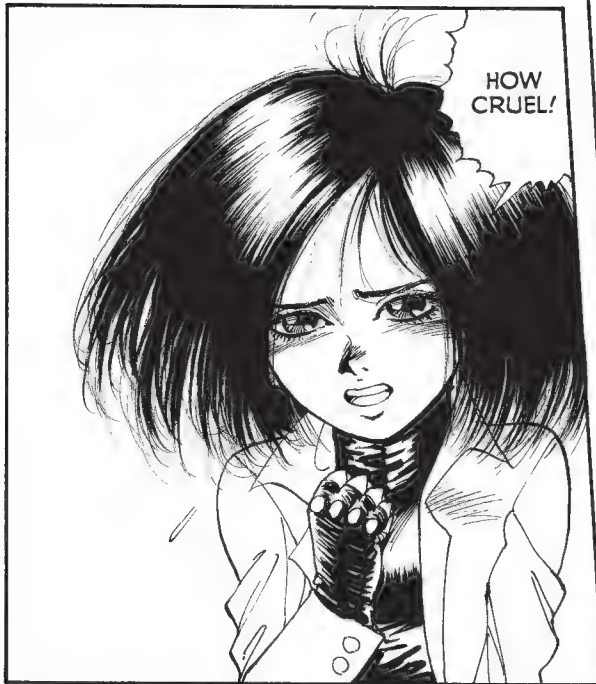


AND WHEN
YOU SAID
YOU'D BEEN
TO ZALEM...



...BUT
I FIGURED
QUOTING
AN EXTRAV-
AGANT
PRICE
WOULD
MAKE YOU
GIVE UP.

NO!
TRUST
ME,
NO...

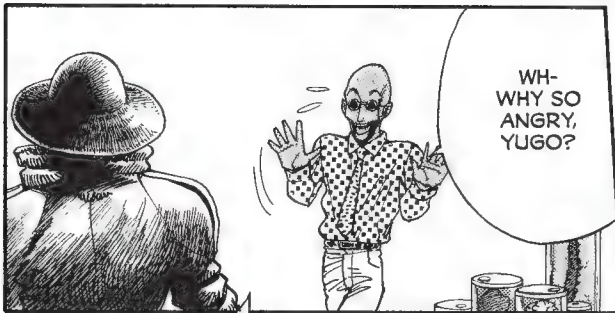


HOW
CRUEL!



...YOU
TRICKED
ME.

IN OTHER
WORDS...



WH-
WHY SO
ANGRY,
YUGO?



ZARIKI!!!

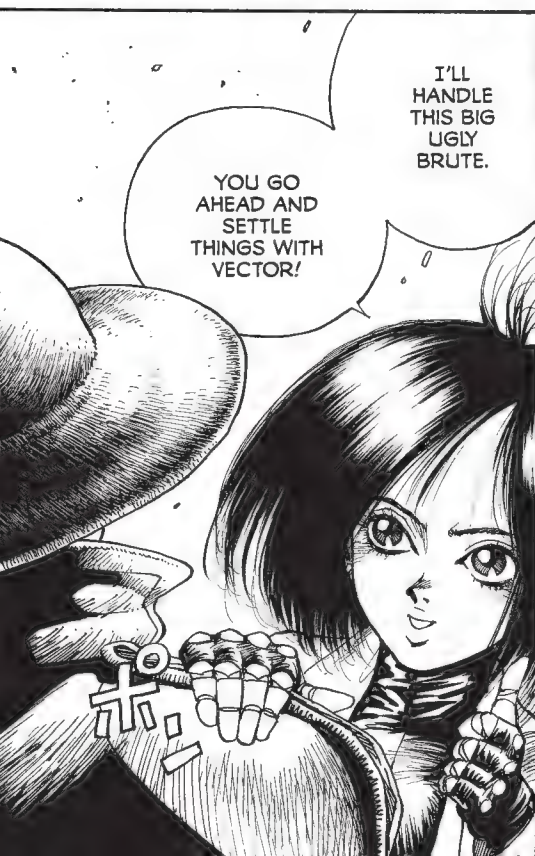
HEY! DON'T
STEP ANY
CLOSER WITH
THAT LOOK IN
YOUR EYES!



RIGHT
?!

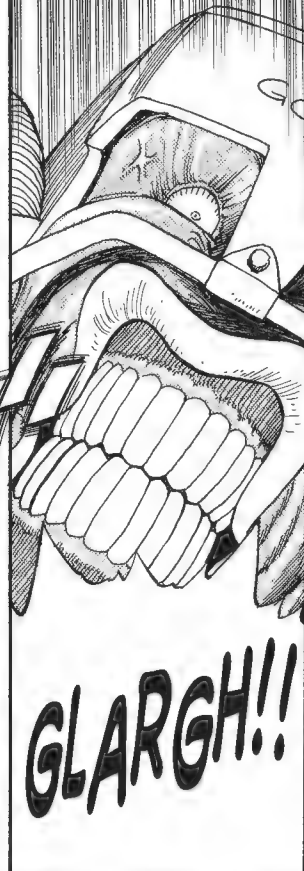
IF ANYTHING,
THIS IS *YOUR*
FAULT FOR BEING
NAIVE ENOUGH
TO THINK YOU
COULD ACTUALLY
GET TO ZALEM!

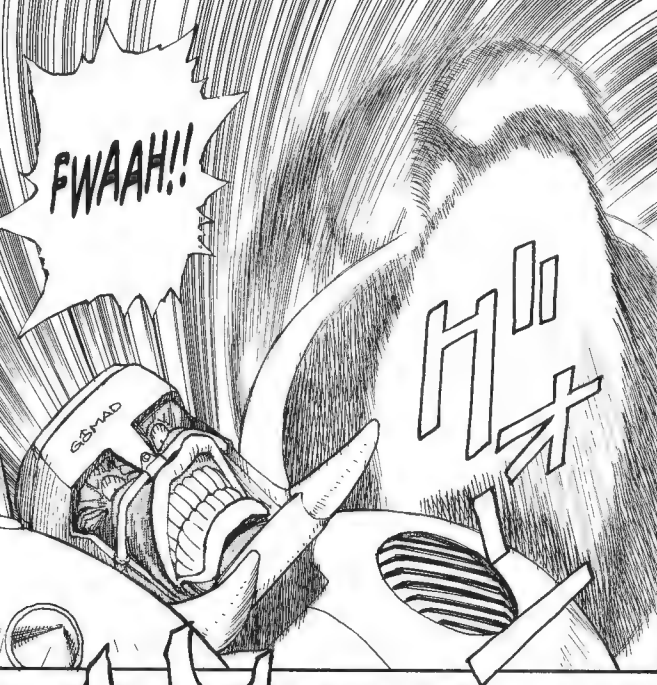
+



I'LL
HANDLE
THIS BIG
UGLY
BRUTE.







FWAAH!!

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THE
LITTLE
SHRIMP'S
ONLY
STEPPING
ON IT!!

BWHAT?!
WHY
CAN'T
I PULL
FREE?!

GOMAD

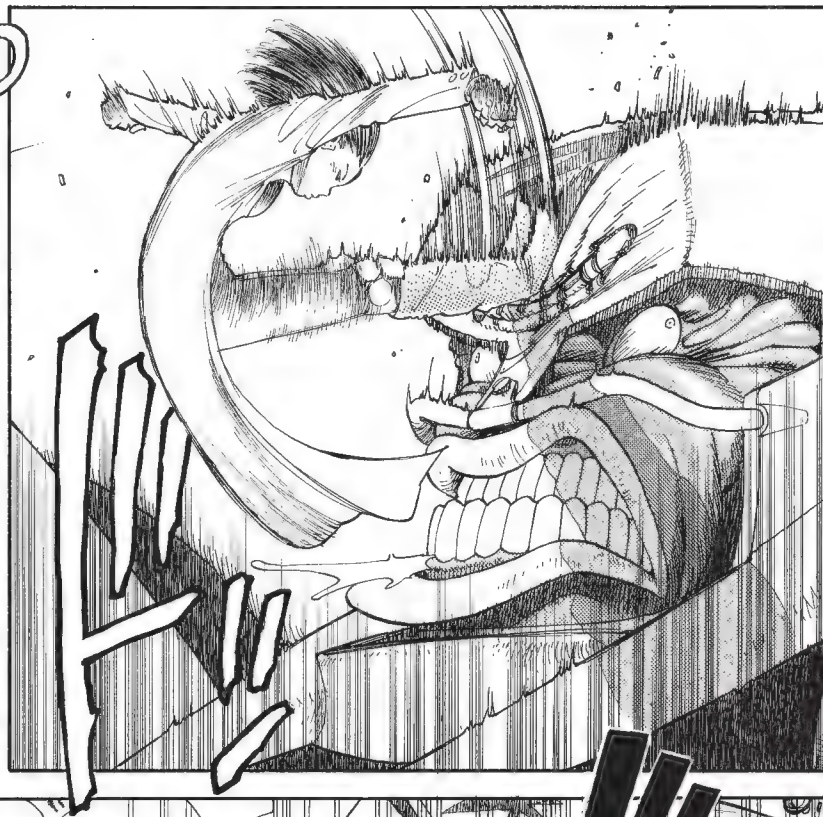
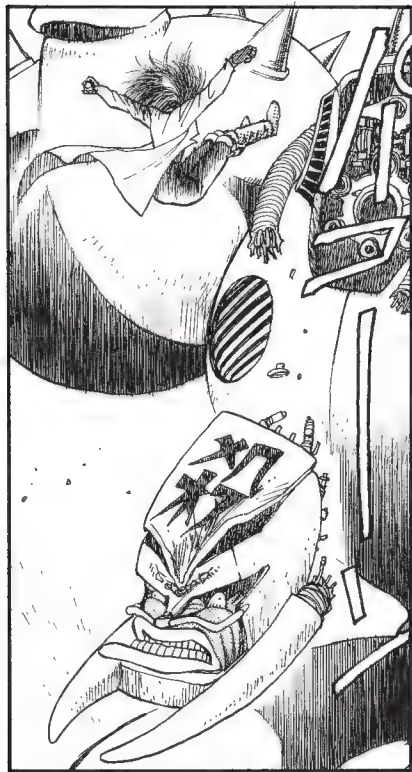


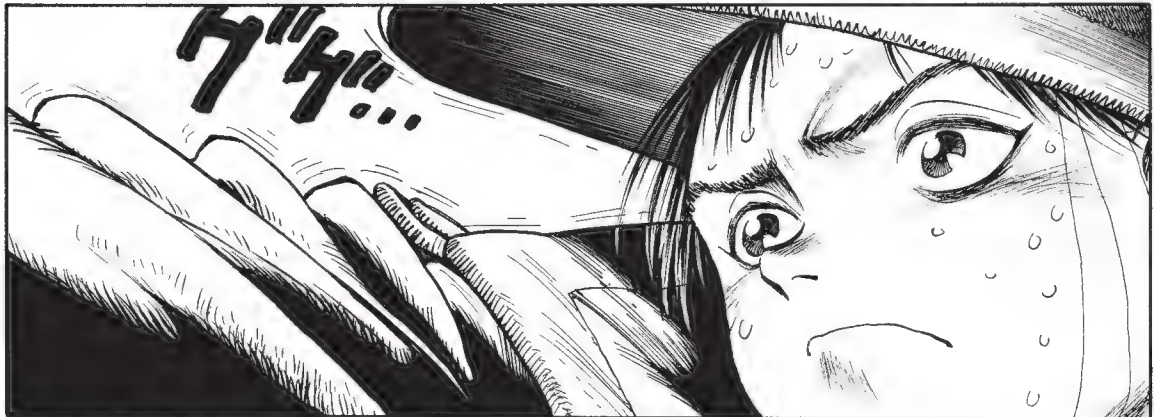
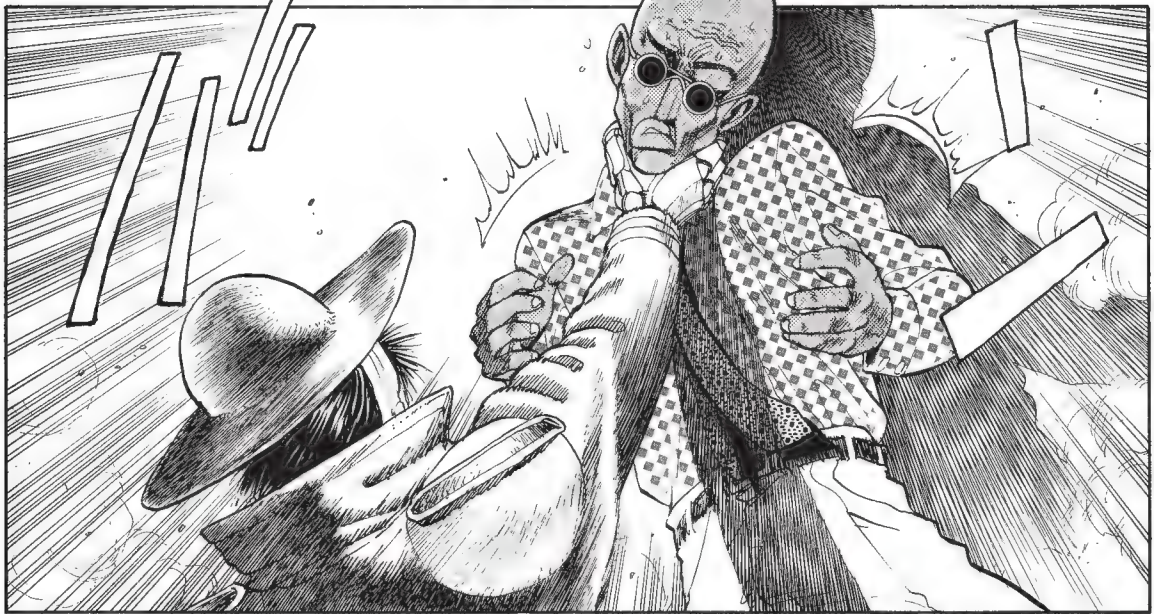
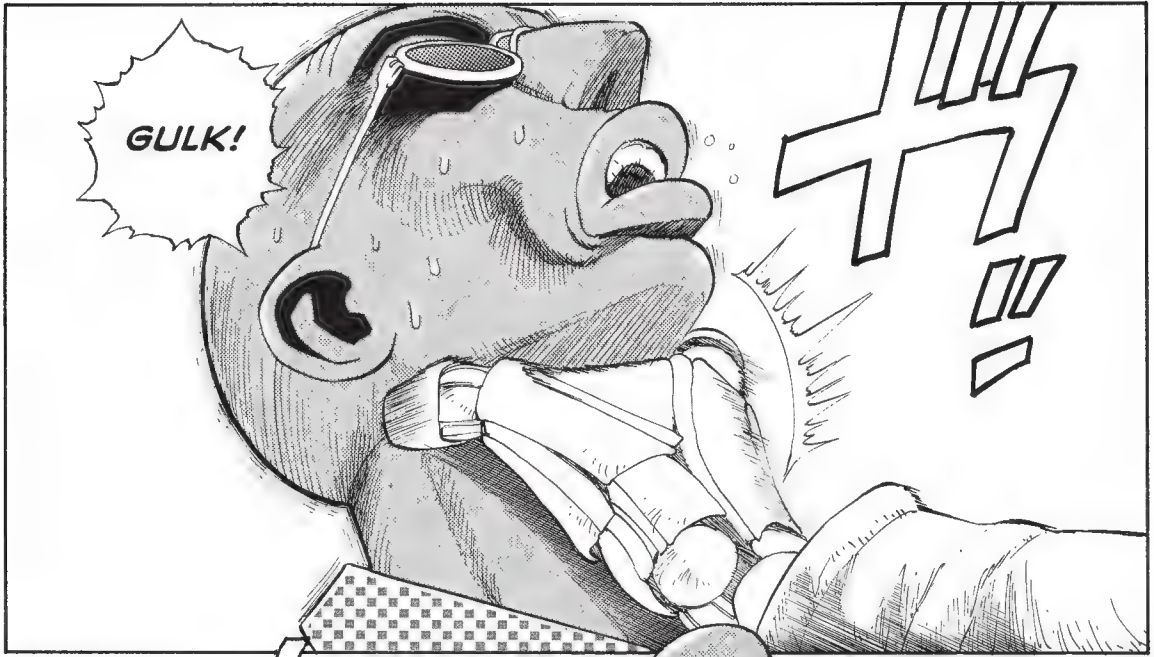
FEEL THE
WRATH
OF THE
SABBAT
CRAB
DANCE!!

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I'M
LOOSE
NOW!!







Netmen and the Public Safety System

EXPLAINED!

FACTORY LAW

AS A SUBORDINATE ORGAN OF ZALEM, THE FACTORIES OPERATE UNDER WHAT IS CALLED "FACTORY LAW" WITHIN THEIR TERRITORY. THIS IS DESIGNED TO ENSURE THE PRODUCTION PROCESS RUNS SMOOTHLY AND MAINTAIN THE SAFETY OF THE FACILITIES AND THEIR WORKERS. IT IS NOT MEANT TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE LIVING IN THE SCRAPYARD.

FACTORY LAW RANKS CRIMES IN TWO MAIN CATEGORIES.

	CLASS-A CRIMES	CLASS-B CRIMES
TYPES OF CRIMES	◦DESTRUCTION OF FACTORY PROPERTY ◦THEFT OF FACTORY GOODS ◦HACKING INTO FACTORY/ZALEM ◦PRODUCING/POSSESSING MEANS OF FLIGHT ◦PRODUCING/POSSESSING FIREARMS ◦HUNTER-WARRIOR TREASON	◦BRAIN MURDER // EXCEPT DURING COMPETITIVE EVENTS ◦BRAIN ASSAULT ◦DEALING BIOLOGICAL BRAINS ◦STEALING BODY PARTS FROM THE LIVING

NETMEN

EXTERNAL FACTORY UNITS CALLED "NETMEN" ARE USED TO ENFORCE ORDER WITHIN THE SCRAPYARD.

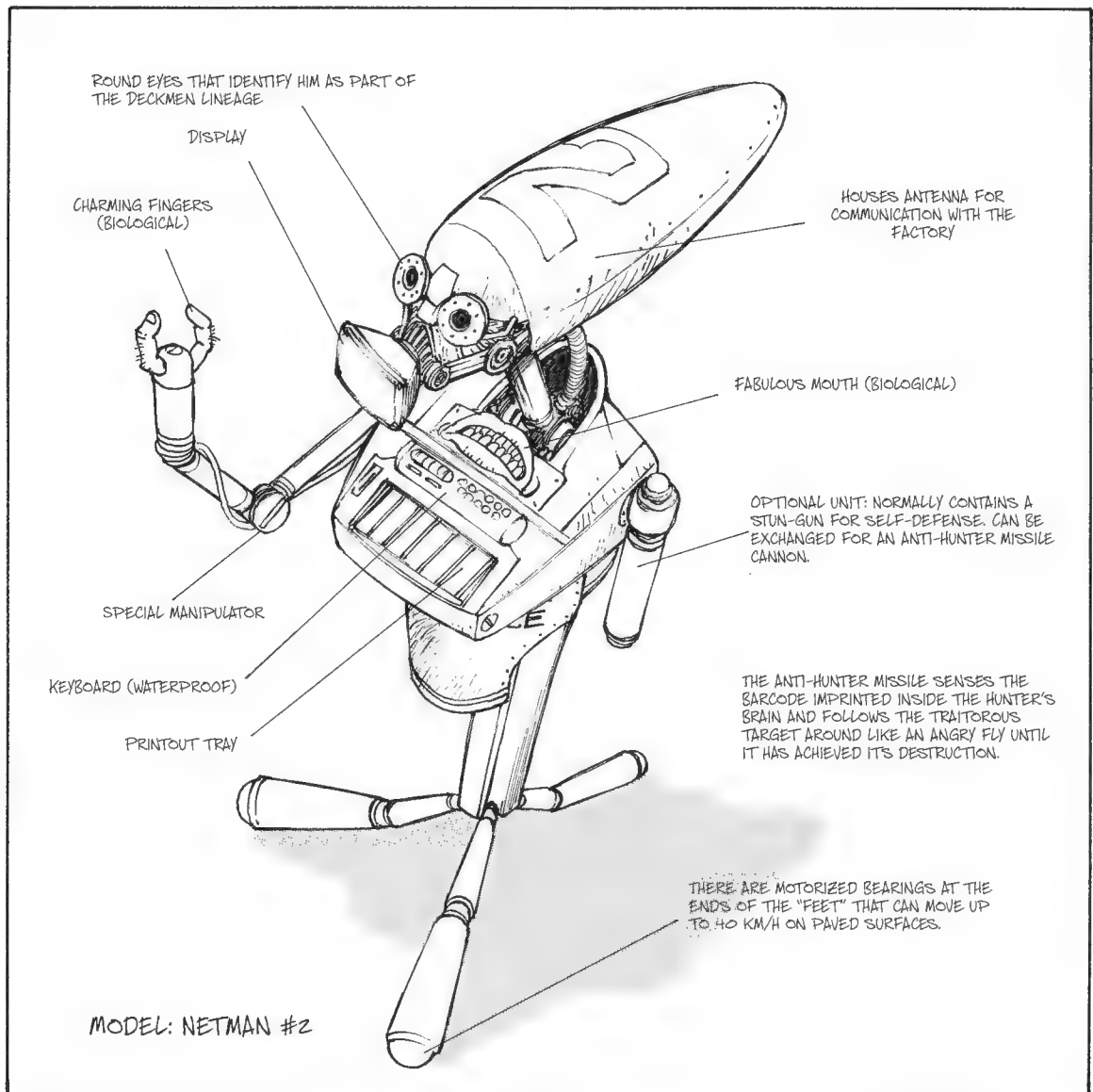
ORDINARILY, A NETMAN IS STATIONED AT THE CORNER OF A STREET LIKE A MAILBOX, AND ACTS AS A KIND OF MICRO POLICE STATION, TAKING REPORTS FROM CITIZENS AND CRIME VICTIMS, GATHERING EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS AND CRIMINAL DNA SAMPLES, AND DOING SIMPLE CRIMINAL ID AND INVESTIGATION. IF A CRIMINAL CAN BE CONFIRMED, HE IS ADDED TO THE BOUNTY LIST. IF A CRIMINAL IS NOT CONFIRMED, NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION IS CONDUCTED INTO NON-CLASS-A CRIMES.

THE NETMEN THEMSELVES DO NOT APPREHEND CRIMINALS, EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF CLASS-A CRIMES, WHERE THEY WILL ARM THEMSELVES, SUMMON HUNTER-WARRIORS, AND TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE IN MAKING COMMANDS AND TRACKING DOWN THE TARGET.

THE FATE OF A CRIMINAL

THERE ARE NO COURTS OR PRISONS IN THE FACTORIES, ONLY BODY BANKS AND FURNACES. A FACTORY WILL RUN A DNA SCAN ON SAMPLES AND ACCEPT THE HEADS OF BOUNTIED CRIMINALS. THE BRAINS ARE EITHER CREMATED OR SENT TO PROCESSING FACTORIES AS RAW MATERIALS.

A CLOSER LOOK AT NETMAN #2



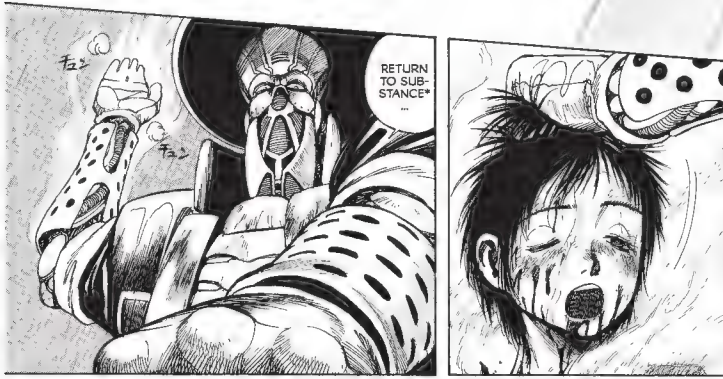
AS YOU CAN SEE, THE FATE OF A CRIMINAL IS BRUTALLY UNYIELDING, BUT WITH THEIR LACK OF PROPER ORGANIZATION AND TEAMWORK, THE HUNTER-WARRIORS AS A GROUP ONLY CATCH A SMALL PERCENTAGE OF THE CRIMINALS IN TOTAL. THE SCRAPYARD REMAINS A HOTBED OF CRIME.

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1992.1.8.

Translation Notes

Substantist Thought, page 165

An in-story creation. The line of dialogue the cyborg says is a homophone of the Buddhist term jōbutsu, which means to become a Buddha, pass into Nirvana, or in most cases: to die. When said in this context, it would be akin to saying “Prepare to meet your maker,” or “Ashes to ashes.” However, Kishiro-sensei altered the butsu character in the word (meaning Buddha) to a different butsu that means “matter,” or in other words, “to become matter.” Cartesian dualism is the philosophy that the mind and body are separate things; when the body decays, the mind or soul remains. In short, it sounds like something a person might ordinarily say in this situation, except that the underpinning philosophy has been created specifically for the futuristic setting described in *Battle Angel Alita*.



*Return to substance: To pass beyond the troubles of the world and return to matter. A phrase from "Substantist Thought," an offshoot of Cartesian dualism.

Sound Effects List

23.4	fwoom (boo)	6/7.1	drmmmm (dododo)
23.5	splash (basha)	6/7.3	bam! (gyun)
23.6	spluk (zuru)	6/7.4	bulge (ka)
		6/7.5	grkk (gichichi)
		6/7.6	gruaahh (gugooo)
24.1	splatt (bechaa)		
25.1	blup (gopo)	8.1	bzt bzt (biri biri)
25.2	blup blup (gopopo boko boko)	8.3	davoom (doon)
25.3	tap tap (kon kon)		
		9.2	vmm (go)
		9.3	swish (su)
28.1	fwooom (bobobo)	9.5	bzzt (bi)
28.2	voosh (go)		
28.3	rmmbbbb (gogooooo)	10.1	doom (do)
		10.2	grshkk (gabababa)
29.1	krsh (gara)	10.3	grk (gu)
			pause (pita)
32.1	sprinkle (para para)	10.4	hrrgg (gigigi)
		10.5	vmm (gun)
33.2	fwish fwish (hira hira hira)		
33.3	tink (chon)	11.1	boom (doon)
33.4	Ha ha ha ha ha ha ha (Aha ha ha ha ha ha)		
		12.1	vwomm (vumun)
34.2	lurch (yoro)	12.3	dshoom (dosshun)
34.5	grg (gugun)		
34.6	crakk (bakya)	13.1	shlurp (byurun)
	thud (do)		zzt zzt (bachi bachi)
		13.2	kaboom (dokkaan)
35.3	swish (sa)	13.4	flip (pa)
35.4	blush (kaa)		
35.6	roll (goron)	14.1	clip clump (bara bara)
		14.6	krunch (bogo)
36.3	fwooch (goooo)		
38.3	krunch (doka)	15.1	shwirri (gyururin)
38.4	clang (gan)	15.2	grkk (gichichi)
		15.3	lurp (beroo)
39.3	twitch (piku piku)	15.4	gwa ha ha ha (guhahaha)
39.5	glurk (dogyun)	15.5	fsshhhh (shuuuu)
40.1	krsh krsh (bari bari)	16.1	zmmf (zumun)
40.2	rip rip (buchi buchi)	16.2	krsh krsh (mechi mechi)
40.3	brump (boko)		crakk (bekya)
40.4	klik klek (miki miki)	16.3	shummf (zuboo)
40.5	zrddd (zuzuzu)	16.6	huff huff (haa haa)
40.7	blak (do)		
		17.3	psst pop (pachi pachi)
41.1	graoooo (uruoooo)	17.4	zztt (bachi)
41.3	thmp (ban)	17.6	flash (ka)
		18.1	kadooom (dodooon)
		18.2	fwooom (bobon)
		19.1	dwoom (dododo)
		19.2	fwoosh (goo)
		20.2	vmmm (vuun)
		21.2	blup blup (gopu gopu)
		21.3	squee (ki)
		21.4	snag (pa)
			skwee (kiii)
		21.5	gonch (garyo)
		21.6	swivel swivel (kyoro kyoro)
		21.7	glob glob (jobo jobo)
			clank (ka)
		23.2	fwoosh (boou)
		23.3	gank gank (gan gan)



69.4	clank (karan)		
69.6	thump crash (garan gara)	42.1	tup (damu)
70.3	swish (byun)	42.2	vwoosh (buo)
71.1	whap (pa)	42.3	whap (bi)
74.1	whoosh (hyuuu)	42.4	gakk (ga)
76.2	chunk (doka)	42.5	boom (do)
76.3	crik crok popp (beki beki peki)		kchunk (bokya)
76.4	flinch (biku)	42.6	zwip (byu)
80.7	sip... (zuzu)	43.1	grakk (doka)
80.1	fwoh fwoh (fuo fuo)	43.2	bam (ban)
81.5	munch (musha)	43.3	crakk (baki)
82.4	smirk (niyari)	43.5	kaching (gochiin)
82.5	wobble (fura)	43.6	thump (dosa)
82.6	lurch (yoro)	45.2	tap (kon)
83.1	pat (pon)	46.1	crakk (baki)
83.2	blurrle (gero gero gee)	46.5	wham whak (ga ga)
83.4	hurlp (gero...)	47.1	krakk (baki)
84.1	thump (batamu)	47.2	crak crak krak (baki baki baki)
86.3	chunk (baka)	47.4	dash (da)
87.1	blursht (buchuu)	48.1	leap (ba)
87.3	thud (don)	48.3	kdoom (dodoo)
89.4	flash (ka)	48.4	groah (goa)
89.6	b-bmp b-bmp (doki doki doki doki)	48.5	wobble (yoroke)
90.1	tink! (chin)	48.6	thwak (pishii)
90.3	gulp (goku)	49.1	crnch (doga)
93.1	fwapp! (bapan)	49.2	zzmm (gyun)
	gchunk gchunk (garan garan)	49.3	glakk (ga)
93.2	kshuff... (boro)	50.1	wobbl (dara...)
94.1	creak (gi)	50.2	hssss (shuuuu)
94.5	vmmm... (goo)	50.3	blorpp (dobo)
95.1	crash carunk (gan garagara)	50.4	clangk (gara)
95.2	vwoom (baa)	50.6	kchunk (boko)
95.3	kching (gaki)	51.1	dummm (zuun)
95.4	zwip (bi)	51.2	rati rati (kata kata)
95.5	thup (pon)	53.4	swish (su)
96.1	plopp (gozo)	53.5	clik (kari)
99.3	fwish (byu)	53.6	zzzap (bachi)
100.1	bzztt (bachi bachi)	53.7	thud (do)
	pshk (bashi)	54.1	ktunk (goto)
100.2	kchak (mekya)	54.2	zzt zzt (biri biri)
100.3	scrunch (gusha)	54.3	thwak rip (doka meki)
100.4	splat (beta)	54.6	tik tik (piku piku)
101.4	grab (ga)	55.1	trrrr (torururu)
101.5	zrprmf (zubu zubu)	55.4	thump (batan)
102.1	fwoop (ba)	61.3	clink clank (gacha gacha)
102.3	zwish (byuo)	62.4	thump (don)
102.4	gwang (gain)	62.6	swoosh (fura)
102.5	dummf (dobo)	64.4	ha ha ha ha (ha ha ha ha)
103.1	crak cruk (boki boki)	65.5	grmm (gogogo)
103.3	wham (ban)	66.2	zshunk (zuka)
103.4	zlup (zuru)	66.3	thud (do)
103.5	shwik (shu)	67.3	clunkalank (garagaran)
		67.4	vwoosh (baa)
		67.5	shunk (dosa)
		68.3	brsht (bon)
		68.5	flump (buran)

130.5	fshhaaa (zaaa)	104.2	shukk (doshu)
		104.4	whap (bi)
131.1	dooom (dooo)	105.1	vwwm (gyun)
	rmmb rmmb (goro goro goro goro)	105.3	pchok (pachu)
131.2	klak klak (bata batan)	105.4	bwa ha ha (wahahaha)
	zb000sh (zabaaa)		
131.3	batta batta (bachi bachi)	106.1	hssss (shuuu)
		106.2	splash (basha)
132.1	fsshhh (zaaaa)	106.3	fwoom (boon)
132.2	rmmbb (gorogorogoro)		
132.3	kshak (jara)	107.1	fwap (basa)
132.5	click (gasha)	107.2	crunch (doga)
	ah (ha)	107.3	dash (dada)
132.6	fwup (ba)	107.4	clank clank clank (kan kan kan)
132.7	pshk pshk (pisha pisha)	107.5	kshunk (gasha)
		107.7	bumf (do)
			clank flonk (gara gara)
133.1	pshaa (paka)		
133.2	graakkkile (gara gara gara gara)	108.1	thak (ga)
	kadoom (dodooon)	108.2	psst pop (pusu pusu)
134.1	mmf (gu)		
134.6	ha ha ha (a ha ha)	110.2	kchak (gacha)
		110.3	creak (gi)
135.1	rmmbb (goro goro goro goro)	110.4	throb (zukin)
	fsshhh (zaaa)	110.7	dash (da)
135.2	batta batta (bachi bachi bachi)		
135.3	fshhh (zaaa)	111.5	thud (don)
136.1	sniff... (gusu)	112.1	gogonng (gogooon)
136.5	fsshhh (zaaa...)	112.2	beep (pii)
			tap tap tap (kata kata kata)
137.3	rmmbb (goro goro goro goro)	112.3	vreee (uiiin)
137.4	squeeze (gyu)		blump blump (goro goro goro)
137.5	flash (ka)		
		116.3	grannk (bega)
138.2	rmmb (gorogorogoro)	116.5	pshhht (bushuuuu)
139.2	grk (gi)	117.4	twitch (piku)
139.4	thwam (ban)		
		118.2	Ha ha ha! (Aha ha)
141.2	rmmbb (goro goro goro goro)	118.3	tremble tremble (wana wana)
	fsshaaa... (zaaa)	118.4	phew (fuuu)
142.1	gromm grum (goro garo)	121.1	fshhh (saaaa)
	rummm (gomomo)	121.2	fshaaaa (sawawawawa)
	dssshh (daaaa)	121.4	zzt zzzt (jijiii)
142.2	slosh slosh (zaba saba)		
142.4	rrm rmmbb (gorogoro gororo...)	122.1	zwam (baba)
146.1	wham (ban)	123.1	zzzoom (dokyuun)
		123.4	zzshk (zushu)
150.4	thwud (dosha)	124.1	whap (ba)
	kshunk (gara gara)		fwump (bachu)
152.3	whud (ba)	124.2	krunch (doka)
154.2	whap whap (pan pan)	125.2	wham (ban)
154.3	whap whap (papan)	125.3	thummp (dodo)
158.1	fsshhh (zaaaaa)	126.1	fsshhh (saaaa)
	rmmbb (goro goro goro)	126.2	clink clank (kara karan)
158.3	jangle (jara)	126.5	whisper whisper (hiso hiso)
162.1	fsshhh (zaaa)	127.4	drip drip drip (pota pota pota)
162.2	splish splash (pasha pasha)		
162.3	slosh (basha)	128.1	fsshhh (zaaa)
162.5	splish splash (pasha pasha)	128.2	fsshh (zaa)
		128.4	yank (gu)
163.1	tst tst (chun chun)		
	vmmm (buun)	129.1	leeer (nitaa)
163.3	blursh (doga)	129.3	gank (gan)
164.3	fsshh (juu)	130.1	vwum (byun)
164.4	vmmm (buun)	130.2	fwap (bishi)
		130.3	tmp tmp tmp (ton ton ton)

195.2	pop bzat (bachi batsun)	165.1	vwam (ga)
195.3	ktunk (gakun)	165.2	krraassh (gara gara gara)
195.5	lurch (gura)		dadooom (dodoon)
195.6	thump (do)	165.3	twitch (biku)
		165.6	tsst tsst (chun chun)
196.4	jangle (jara)		
		166.1	kchunk (baka)
197.4	gonk (gan)	166.3	vwam (gaga)
197.5	thud (do)	166.4	zrrshh (zushaa)
198.5	shlunk (doja)	167.1	fshhh (saaaa)
		167.4	brrr (buru)
200.6	fwoosh (ba)		
		168.2	vwom (buon)
201.2	tap (kon)	168.3	bzzum (vyun)
		168.4	gshak (ga)
202.4	tak (ka)		
		169.2	fwuaah (bowa)
203.1	dadadadoom (dodo dododo)	169.3	vmmm (goo)
203.3	tep tep (toko toko)	169.4	zwoww (vuooo)
203.4	pat (pon)		
		170.3	bssht (bish)
204.2	vwoom (go)	170.4	zzap zap zap (pari pari pari)
204.3	fft (fu)	170.5	bzzt zzat (pachi pachi)
204.4	doom (don)	170.6	tsst (jijiji)
204.5	bap (ban)	170.7	crakk (ka)
204.6	tug (gun)		
	greaaahh (gyarururu)	171.1	booom (dooon)
		171.2	blamm (don)
205.1	hrrg (gugurun)	171.3	fshhh (saaaa)
205.2	vwoosh (guon)	171.4	psst crak (pusu pusu)
205.3	zwupp (dobyun)		clunk (bara)
205.4	boom (bo)		
		172.1	fsssh (saaa)
206.1	fwipp (gyun)		
206.2	gunk (do)	173.5	rmmmbb (gororo...)
206.3	kpong (pakooon)		
206.4	boom (doon)	174.2	swish (byu)
207.1	whunk (ga)	175.1	splash (basha)
207.2	thwam (ban)	175.3	bwam (bashin)
207.3	grrgg (gugu)	175.4	bwam (bashin)
		176.2	shing (zari)
			clank (gasha)
		177.1	kshank (gasha)
		177.5	whoooo (byuuu)
		180.5	kshank (gasha)
		180.6	mrmr mrmr (zoro zoro)
		181.1	fwup (ba)
		181.2	thump (daan)
		182.3	yank (gui)
		182.4	fwup (ba)
		182.6	rip rip (biri biri)
		183.5	swish (sa...)
		184.1	ch-chuk (jaka)
		184.3	vmm (gun)
		185.1	zrack (zuka)
		188.3	kwap (basa)
		189.3	plat (beta)
		189.4	wobl wobl (yoro yoro)
		189.5	yaaaa (aaa)
		194.3	crunch (dogon)

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